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## Democrats invite Trump to testify in impeachment inquiry

By JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invited President Donald Trump to testify in front of investigators in the House impeachment inquiry ahead of a week that will see several key witnesses appear publicly. Pushing back against accusations from the president that the process has been stacked against him, Pelosi said Trump is welcome to appear or answer questions in writing, if he chooses.

"If he has information that is exculpatory, that means ex, taking away, culpable, blame, then we look forward to seeing it," she said in an interview that aired Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation." Trump "could come right before the committee and talk, speak all the truth that he wants if he wants," she said.

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., left, and Senate Minority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer of N.Y., right, listen as they wait to speak at an event on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, regarding the earlier oral arguments before the Supreme Court in the case of President Trump's decision to end the Obama-era, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), program. Associated Press

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# White House: Trump undergoes exam at Walter Reed

By JILL COLVIN

**BETHESDA, Md. (AP)** — President Donald Trump spent more than two hours at Walter Reed National Medical Center on Saturday for what the White House said were medical tests as part of his annual physical.

The appointment wasn't on Trump's weekend public schedule, and his last physical was in February. Press secretary Stephanie Grisham said the 73-year-old president was "anticipating a very busy 2020" and wanted to take advantage of "a free weekend" in Washington to begin portions of his routine checkup.

She did not specify which tests he'd received or explain why the visit had not been disclosed in ad-



The motorcade of President Donald Trump waits at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, in Bethesda, Md.

medical staff "to share his thanks for all the outstanding care they provide to our Wounded Warriors, and wish them an early happy Thanksgiving," Grisham said. It was the president's ninth visit to the hospital since taking office.

Walter Reed spokeswoman Sandy Dean said the hospital does not comment on patients who receive care at the facility and referred questions to the White House.

Trump's last checkup in February, 2019 showed he had gained weight in office. At 243 pounds and 6 feet, 3 inches tall, he passed the official threshold for being considered obese, with a Body Mass Index of 30.4.

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vance. Trump's 2018 and 2019 physicals were both announced ahead of time and appeared on his public schedule.

Grisham said after the visit that the president had had "a quick exam and labs" and assured he remains in good health.

"The President remains healthy and energetic without complaints, as demonstrated by his repeated vigorous rally performances in front of thousands of Americans several times a week," she said.

Trump also spent time at the hospital meeting with the family of a special forces soldier injured in Afghanistan. And he visited with

"I am happy to announce the President of the United States is in very good health and I anticipate he will remain so for the duration of his Presidency, and beyond," Conley wrote afterward.

Test results were released six days later, showing that Trump weighed 243 pounds — up seven pounds from September 2016, before he became president.

A Body Mass Index rating of 30 is the level at which doctors consider someone obese under the commonly used formula. About 40 percent of Americans are obese, raising the risk for heart disease, diabetes, stroke and some forms of cancer. □

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## Alleged gunman, victim among 6 charged after game shooting

By **BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI**

Six men have been charged after a shooting at a New Jersey high school football game that critically wounded a 10-year-old boy and sent players and the packed crowd fleeing in panic.

Ibn Abdullah, 27, was the target of the Friday night shooting and was charged because a gun was found on him when emergency responders went to his aid, authorities said. He is in stable condition and will be undergoing surgery.

The 10-year-old remained in critical condition Saturday. A 15-year-old boy was treated for a graze wound. The shooting happened in the stands of a Friday night playoff game between the Camden Panthers and the Pleasantville Greyhounds. Authorities said it did not appear that any of the men charged had any connection to the game.

"Our community will not be held hostage by a few idiots intent on jeopardizing our safety and the safety of our children," Atlantic

County Prosecutor Damon Tyner said in a news release. Tyner said the shooting was "petty vengeance against one another."

Alvin Wyatt, 31, of Atlantic City, was charged with three counts of attempted murder and two weapons counts. He was captured on the football field moments after the shooting by a Pleasantville officer who was part of the game's security detail.


Three other men face weapons charges, and a fourth faces weapons and



eluding charges. It wasn't known Saturday if any of the six have retained attorneys. When the shots rang out, panicked spectators and some of the players knocked down a fence in their haste to escape the field. Some children were separated from their parents, and other parents held children tight to keep them from being run over by those fleeing, according to Jonathan Diego, who was at the game in Pleasantville, right outside Atlantic City. □

This undated photo provided by Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office shows Alvin Wyatt, of Atlantic City, who has been charged with three counts of attempted murder and two weapons counts in connection with a shooting at a New Jersey High School football game on Friday, Nov. 15, 2019.

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Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer echoed that suggestion.

"If Donald Trump doesn't agree with what he's hearing, doesn't like what he's hearing, he shouldn't tweet. He should come to the committee and testify under oath. And he should allow all those around him to come to the committee and testify under oath," Schumer told reporters. He said the White House's insistence on blocking witnesses from cooperating begs the question: "What is he hiding?"

The comments come as the House Intelligence Committee prepares for a second week of public hearings as part of its inquiry, including with the man who is arguably the most important witness. Gordon Sondland, Trump's ambassador to the European Union, is among the only people interviewed to date who had direct conversations with the president about the situation because the White House

has blocked others from cooperating with what they dismiss as a sham investigation. And testimony suggests he was intimately involved in discussions that are at the heart of the investigation into whether Trump held up U.S. military aid to Ukraine to try to pressure the county's president to announce an investigation into Democrats, including former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading 2020 candidate, and his son, Hunter. Multiple witnesses overheard a phone call in which Trump and Sondland reportedly discussed efforts to push for the investigations. In private testimony to impeachment investigators made public Saturday, Tim Morrison, a former National Security Council aide and longtime Republican defense hawk, said Sondland told him he was discussing Ukraine matters directly with Trump.

Morrison said Sondland and Trump had spoken approximately five times between July 15 and Sept. 11 — the weeks that \$391 million in U.S. assistance was with-



President Donald Trump pauses during an event on healthcare prices in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Friday, Nov. 15, 2019, in Washington.

held from Ukraine before it was released.

And he recounted that Sondland told a top Ukrainian official in a meeting that the vital U.S. military assistance might be freed up if the country's top prosecutor "would go to the mike and announce that he was opening the Burisma inves-

tigation." Burisma is the gas company that hired Hunter Biden. Morrison's testimony contradicted much of what Sondland told congressional investigators during his own closed-door deposition, which the ambassador later amended. Trump has said he has no recollection of the overheard call and has suggested he barely knew Sondland, a wealthy donor to his 2016 campaign. But Democrats are hoping he sheds new light on the discussions.

"I'm not going to try to prejudge his testimony," Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday." But he suggested, "it was not lost on Ambassador Sondland what happened to the president's close associate Roger Stone for lying to Congress, to Michael Cohen for lying to Congress. My guess is that Ambassador Sondland is going to do his level best to tell the truth, because otherwise he may have a very unpleasant legal future in front of him."

The committee will also be interviewing a long list of others. On Tuesday, they'll hear from Morrison along with Jennifer Williams, an aide to Vice President Mike Pence, Alexander Vindman, the director for European affairs at the National Security Council, and Kurt

Volker, the former U.S. special envoy to Ukraine.

On Wednesday the committee will hear from Sondland in addition to Laura Cooper, a deputy assistant secretary of defense, and David Hale, a State Department official. And on Thursday, Fiona Hill, a former top NSC staffer for Europe and Russia, will appear. Trump, meanwhile, continued to tweet and retweet a steady stream of commentary from supporters as he bashed "The Crazy, Do Nothing Democrats" for "turning Impeachment into a routine partisan weapon." "That is very bad for our Country, and not what the Founders had in mind!!!!" he wrote.

He also tweeted a doctored video exchange between Rep. Adam Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the Intelligence Committee, and Republican Rep. Jim Jordan, in which Schiff said he did not know the identity of the whistleblower whose complaint triggered the inquiry. The clip has been altered to show Schiff wearing a referee's uniform and loudly blowing a whistle. In her CBS interview, Pelosi vowed to protect the whistleblower, whom Trump has said should be forced to come forward despite longstanding whistleblower protections. □

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## Sandy Hook lawsuit could force Remington to open books

By LISA MARIE PANE  
Associated Press

A recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court has upended a longstanding legal roadblock that has given the gun industry far-reaching immunity from lawsuits in the aftermath of mass killings. The court this week allowed families of victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook school massacre to sue the maker of the AR-15 used in the attack. The case against Remington will now proceed in the Connecticut courts.

Remington is widely expected to win the case, but critics of the gun industry are eyeing what they see as a significant outcome even in the face of defeat: getting the gunmaker to open its books about how it markets firearms.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs are certain to request that Remington turn over volumes of documents as part of the discovery phase, providing a rare window into the inner-workings of how a major gun manufacturer markets its weapons. Those materials might include company emails, memos, business plans and corporate strategies, or anything that might suggest the company purposely marketed the firearm that may have compelled the shooter to use the weapon to carry out the slaughter. The plaintiffs also believe the ruling will put gun companies on notice about how they conduct business knowing they could wind up in the courts in similar fashion.

"If the industry wakes up and understands their conduct behind closed doors is not protected, then the industry itself ... will take steps to try to help the massive problem we have instead of do nothing and sit by



In this March 1, 2018 file photo, the Remington name is seen etched on a model 870 shotgun at Duke's Sport Shop in New Castle, Pa.

and cash the checks," said Joshua Koskoff, the Connecticut attorney who represents a survivor and relatives of nine victims who died at the Newtown, Connecticut, school on Dec. 14, 2012.

The case hinges on Connecticut state consumer law that challenges how the firearm used by the Newtown shooter — a Bushmaster XM15-E2S rifle — was marketed, with plaintiffs alleging Remington purposely used advertisements that targeted younger, at-risk males. In one of Remington's ads, it features the rifle against a plain backdrop and the phrase: "Consider Your Man Card Reissued."

Remington did not respond to requests for comment after the U.S. Supreme Court denied its efforts to quash the lawsuit.

Larry Keane, senior vice president and legal counsel for the National Shooting Sports Foundation,

which represents gunmakers, said he anticipates Remington will ultimately prevail and that it's unfair to blame the gunmaker for Adam Lanza's crime.

"Adam Lanza alone is the responsible person. Not Remington," he said.

Suing the firearms industry has never been easy, and it was made even harder after Congress enacted the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act in 2005. The law backed by the National Rifle Association gave broad immunity to the gun industry.

The chances of the plaintiffs ultimately succeeding in this case are slim — a sentiment shared by the Connecticut Supreme Court, which said they face a "Herculean task" to prevail. Judges and juries generally have a tough time blaming anyone but the shooter for the crime, said Timothy D. Lytton, professor at Georgia State University's College of Law and author of "Suing

advocates have outspent perhaps his most loyal supporter: the NRA. With slumping sales, some companies, including Remington, have faced bankruptcy. And in the wake of high-profile mass shootings, corporate America has begun pushing back against the industry. AR-platform long guns have been a particular bone of contention for gun-control advocates who believe the firearms — once banned for a decade in the U.S. — are especially attractive to mass shooters for their ease of use and their ability to carry large capacity magazines. While handguns remain used more often in mass shootings, ARs have been involved in some of the deadliest shootings, including when a gunman fired on a crowd of concertgoers outside his hotel room in Las Vegas in 2017, killing 58 people and wounding hundreds.

The AR-15, its design based on the military M-16, has become one of the most popular firearms in the U.S. in recent decades. Lightweight, easy to customize and able to carry extended magazines, sales took off once the ban expired in 2004. There are now an estimated 16 million AR-platform long guns in the U.S. Robert J. Spitzer, chairman of political science at the State University of New York at Cortland and a longtime watcher of gun politics, said a case against Remington could cause "pretty embarrassing information" to come out.

"And it is certainly possible they will find memos or other documents that may significantly support their case that Remington was manifestly irresponsible in the way they marketed their guns," Spitzer said. □

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the Gun Industry: A Battle at the Crossroads of Gun Control and Mass Torts."

Add into the mix that Lanza himself didn't own the firearm; he stole it from his mother after killing her in the home they shared, then went to the elementary school in Newtown, where he killed 20 children and six adults.

"It makes it harder for juries to connect the dots. It's a significant hurdle in all of these cases. It's very rare that you have a very close timeframe between the marketing of a weapon and a mass shooting," Lytton said.

Lanza's mother purchased the Bushmaster AR-platform rifle in 2010 from a Connecticut gun shop. It's unclear if she or her son were influenced by or had seen Remington's advertising. Still, it's been a tough few years for the industry. Sales plummeted with the election of President Donald Trump, and gun-control

# Illegal pot farms on public land create environmental hazard

By **CHRISTOPHER WEBER**

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Two months after two men were arrested at an illicit marijuana farm on public land deep in the Northern California wilderness, authorities are assessing the environmental impact and cleanup costs at the site where trees were clear-cut, waterways were diverted, and the ground was littered with open containers of fertilizer and rodenticide. A group including U.S. Forest Service rangers, local law enforcement, scientists and conservationists hiked into the so-called trespass grow where nearly 9,000 cannabis plants were illegally cultivated on national forest land in the region known as the Emerald Triangle, for the marijuana that has been produced there for decades.

Authorities allege members of an international drug trafficking ring set up camp at the site as far back as 2015.

When deputies raided the remote clearing in the woods Sept. 9, they found hundreds of pounds of harvested marijuana, thousands of pounds of trash and more than 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) of plastic irrigation piping, according to the Trinity County Sheriff's Office. They also discovered bottles of carbofuran, a banned neurotoxicant used to kill rodents that also has been linked to the deaths of spotted owls, fish and mountain lions. A quarter-teaspoon can kill a 300-pound (136-kilogram) bear.

The case highlights some of the growing pains California has faced since kicking off broad legal sales in 2018. Its legal marijuana market has grown to more than \$3 billion but remains



**In this Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 photo provided by Cannabis Removal on Public Lands Project U.S. Forest Service rangers, local law enforcement, scientists and conservationists investigate a so-called trespass grow where there are nearly 9,000 cannabis plants in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Calif.**

dwarfed by a thriving illegal market, which rakes in nearly \$9 billion annually. Limited resources mean officials can't keep up with all the illegal sites that are remnants of the outlaw era, when much of the pot for the U.S. black market came from the Emerald Triangle. Experts say illegal sites like the one found in the Shasta Trinity National Forest, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) from the Oregon line, siphon valuable water, pollute legal downstream grows and funnel potentially tainted cannabis onto the streets.

"These places are toxic garbage dumps. Food containers attract wildlife, and the chemicals kill the animals long after the sites are abandoned," said Rich McIntyre, director of the Cannabis Removal on Public Lands (CROP) Project, which is dedicated to restoring criminal grow sites on state and federal property in California. "We think there's a public health time

bomb ticking."

CROP is a coalition of conservation organizations, tribes, elected officials, law enforcement agencies and federal land managers. Also lending its support is the legal cannabis industry, which says it's being undercut by the criminal market. Officials estimate that up to 70% of California's illicit pot comes from trespass grows mostly on public land.

"We see illegal grows as undermining the legal cultivators and manufacturers" by reducing tax revenue, said Lindsay Robinson, executive director of the California Cannabis Industry Association, a trade group. "We're seeing untested and unregulated cannabis flooding the market."

Black market marijuana is potentially dangerous because traces of the toxic chemicals used at grow sites are often found in the plants, she said.

"If you have an illicit grow upstream from you, and you're legal, that could

end up tainting your product and prevent it from entering the market," Robinson said.

CROP estimates that 9 billion gallons (34 billion liters) of water are diverted to trespass grows in California each year — a yearly supply for a city of 35,000 homes.

"In a state like California where water battles and drought are a way of life, that number is shocking," McIntyre said. More than 60% of California's water comes from national forest land.

Authorities in 2018 made dozens of arrests at trespass grows while seizing hundreds of thousands of pot plants along with cash and guns. Criminal growers often use powerful firearms to protect their operation, McIntyre said.

"There are stories of people — hunters, fishermen, hikers — who find themselves down the barrel of an AK-47" after stumbling on illegal grow sites, he said.

The toxic chemicals were cleared from the Shasta site Oct. 16, and a "decommissioning" cleanup — removing everything brought in by growers — should happen within a year. The goal is to restore illegal grows to pristine condition complete with reseeding and replanting, but that plan lacks funding.

It's also pushing to increase the number of U.S. Forest Service rangers in California's national forests. Reclaiming each site costs an average of \$40,000, requiring trained crews, law enforcement resources and often National Guard air support to remove tons of materials from remote areas, the group said.

The group has a supporter in Democratic U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman, whose Northern California district includes huge swaths of state and federal property.

"We've seen firsthand how illegal grow operations threaten visitors to our public lands, steal water and contaminate streams, and kill wildlife on a landscape scale," Huffman said in a statement. He's introduced legislation that would identify the problem of trespass grows, expand land protections and free up funds to address it.

CROP is also pushing lawmakers to increase penalties for anyone who brings toxic chemicals to public lands. U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said last year that federal authorities are concentrating their efforts on hazardous illegal grows. Nine of every 10 illegal marijuana farms raided in California in 2018 contained traces of carbofuran, researchers at the Integral Ecology Research Center in northwestern California said last year. □

# Dunkin' bans the 'double-cup' as it swaps foam for paper

**BOSTON (AP)** — The Dunkin' coffee chain says customers will have to do without a "double cup" for their iced drinks.

A new campaign focused in Massachusetts and

Rhode Island tells customers they can no longer nest their iced drinks in a second, foam cup for extra insulation as the company moves to eliminate its polystyrene cups.

The brand says the double-cup habit was started in New England and is most common there.

But by Dec. 1, all the region's stores will swap foam cups for paper ones

that the company says are more environmentally friendly.

New ads tell customers that the "double cup is breaking up" because the chain's relationship with foam isn't

sustainable.

Cold drinks are being marketed as "iced, delicious and single."

The company says its foam cups will be eliminated worldwide next year. □

# Border wall fundraiser claims new construction in Texas

By NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Claims that a private group has started building its own border wall in South Texas were questioned this week by some longtime residents worried that the construction could cause flooding and violate treaty obligations between the U.S. and Mexico. The organizers of We Build the Wall, a non-profit launched in December to support President Donald Trump's signature promise of a border barrier, said this week in a Facebook video that they were going to build a 3.5-mile (5.6-kilometer) project on private land in the Rio Grande Valley, at Texas' southernmost point.

In the video, a construction worker claims the project would be as close as 25 feet (7.6 meters) away from the Rio Grande, with a wall and concrete road. That's much closer than most government-built wall in the Rio Grande Valley. "This is going to cause catastrophic flooding to all the surrounding properties on the U.S. and Mexico side," said Marianna Trevino Wright, executive director of the National Butterfly Center, a nonprofit that is up the river from the construction site.

We Build the Wall has raised over \$25 million. So far, the group has built about half a mile (0.8 kilometers) of wall near El Paso.

The video, which seeks more donors for the group, shows an excavator clearing brush from the riverbank. The video's claims could not immediately be verified. We Build the Wall founder Brian Kolfage, who is seen in the video, did not respond to several requests for comment made through a spokeswoman, and the video appeared to have been taken off the group's Facebook page Friday. Unlike at other parts of the border, the U.S. government in the Rio Grande Valley doesn't build barriers at the edge of the land border. That's because the



This Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, photo and provided by the National Butterfly Center shows what the center's director, Marianna Wright, says is land cleared in preparation to build a separation wall on the border of the United States and Mexico in in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas.

Rio Grande often swells and can knock down structures closest to the river. A large fence or wall could also change flood patterns and endanger existing homes and property.

The International Boundary and Water Commission was set up by the U.S. and Mexico under treaties that define the border and how the river is used. Anyone building a fence within the river flood plain is supposed to submit plans and design calculations to the commission.

Spokeswoman Sally Spener said the commission received an email Wednesday night with "some general information" from Fisher Industries, a construction company that built the group's half-mile section near El Paso.

Asked about whether the project met the commission's guidelines, Spener said, "We have not received the documentation that would be required to make a determination."

The U.S. Border Patrol also says it was notified but did not consult with We Build the Wall on the design and location of any construction. And Hidalgo County officials said they could not immediately confirm whether Fisher Industries or We Build the Wall had sought a permit.

The Border Patrol and other government agencies are building small portions of new wall in at least two sites in the valley. The U.S. government is still well short of the 500 new miles (800

kilometers) that Trump has called for building by the end of next year.

Terence Garrett, a professor of public affairs at

the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, said construction not done carefully could "cause major, major flooding." □

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## Leaked Russian interference report raises UK vote questions

By **DANICA KIRKA**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Questions about the British government's failure to release a report on Russia's interference in the country's politics continued to dog Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Sunday as critics said leaks from the document raised concerns about the security of next month's election. The report from Parliament's intelligence committee concludes that Russian interference may have affected the 2016 referendum on Britain's departure from the European Union, though the impact is "unquantifiable," the Times of London reported without saying how it got the information.

The committee said British intelligence services failed to devote enough resources to counter the threat and highlighted the impact of articles posted by Russian news sites that were widely disseminated on social media, the newspaper reported. Emily Thornberry, the oppo-



**Britain's main opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn speaks to the media, in London, Saturday Nov. 16, 2019, following a Labour Party meeting to finalise the party manifesto for their policy ahead of the upcoming General Election.**

sition Labour Party's foreign affairs spokeswoman, said the leaks raise questions that deserve answers. "Boris Johnson therefore needs to clear up the confusion, spin and speculation around this (intelligence committee) report by publishing it in full at the earli-

est opportunity," she told the Times. "If not, people will rightly continue to ask: what is he trying to hide from the British public and why?" Johnson's government has said it needs more time to review the security implications of the report, but it will

be released after the election. Critics have alleged the report is being withheld because it shows Russians have made large donations to the Conservative Party, which is seeking to win a majority that would allow Johnson to push his Brexit deal through Parlia-

ment. Security Minister Brandon Lewis dismissed such criticism and in turn accused Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn of failing to back the government in the aftermath of a Russian-sponsored nerve agent attack against a former spy on the streets of an English city. Asked about Russian donors to the campaign, Lewis told Sky television on Sunday that all contributions are reported to the proper authorities and the donors in question have British citizenship. "We should not prevent British citizens from taking and playing their full part in British political life," he said. Former special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the 2016 U.S. presidential election found that Russia interfered in the vote in a "sweeping and systemic" fashion. While President Donald Trump dismissed the findings, the U.S. investigation put Russia at the center of worries about the integrity of elections worldwide. □

## Algeria kicks off presidential campaign, 5 candidates to run



**The five candidates for the upcoming Dec. 12, presidential election, from left to right, Azzedine Mihoubi, Abdelmajid Tebboune, Abdelkader Bengrina, Ali Benflis and Abdelaziz Belaid pose prior to a media conference in Algier, Algeria, Saturday, Oct. 17, 2019.**

Associated Press

By **AOMAR OUALI**  
Associated Press

**ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)** — Algeria's presidential campaign officially kicked off Sunday with five candidates vying to replace the country's longtime leader, who was pushed out in April amid sustained protests. Two former prime ministers, Ali Benflis and Abdelmajid Tebboune, are among those running in the Dec. 12 election to succeed former President Abdelaziz

Bouteflika. Big crowds took to the streets Friday for a 39th consecutive week to demand an end to Algeria's post-colonial political system. Protesters say they don't trust those currently in power to ensure democratic elections, citing their past links to Bouteflika. The other candidates are: former tourism minister and moderate Islamist Abdelkader Bengrina; former culture minister and current interim secretary of the RND party

that was in the governing coalition, Azzedine Mihoubi; and Belaid Abdelaziz, who heads the small El Moustakbel (Future) party that's close to the FLN, both of which remain part of the ruling coalition. In some neighborhoods of Algiers, protesters have hung black trash bags on billboards featuring the candidates' portraits, often sprayed with the words "election of shame" and "traitors." □



# Yemen government delays return, officials blame separatists

By AHMED AL-HAJ  
SAMY MAGDY  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemen's internationally recognized government was forced to delay its return to the port city of Aden, officials said Sunday, blaming southern separatists for stalling on the key point of a power-sharing deal signed early this month to end their infighting.

Under the agreement brokered by Saudi Arabia between Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the separatists, the government was to have returned to Aden last Tuesday.

The separatists pushed government forces out and captured Aden during clashes last summer.

Their infighting added another complex layer to the country's civil war, in which the government and the separatists, backed by the United Arab Emirates, are in a military alliance led by



In this photo, Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi is accompanied by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Dhahi's crown prince, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan before signing a power-sharing deal in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019.

Saudi Arabia, against Iran-aligned Houthi rebels. Government officials told The Associated Press that the separatists are refusing to hand over Aden headquarters and the presidential palace. The separatist Southern Transitional Council insists instead on joint committees.

The government officials, in

turn, blame the separatists for inciting "limited clashes" and looting. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were

not authorized to talk to reporters. Addressing tribal leaders last week in the Yemen's easternmost province of al-Mahra, Interior Minister Ahmed al-Maysari criticized the power-sharing agreement.

"Does it make sense for your neighbor to come and tell you what to do in your home? It is a tragedy," he said.

The agreement dictates that both sides pull their forces and heavy weapons out of Aden, and says both Hadi's forces and the separatists are under control of the the Saudi-led coalition. That effectively means that if Hadi were to return to Aden, he would only be protected by his presidential guard.

The infighting between

Hadi's force and the separatists exposed a rift in the alliance and threatened to further destabilize the Arab world's poorest country. Saudi Arabia brought the two sides to the negotiating table in Riyadh where they signed the agreement on Nov. 5.

Yemen's civil war started when the rebel Houthis overran and captured the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north in 2014. The Saudi-led alliance joined the fray in March 2015, to push the Houthis back and restore Hadi to power.

The war has killed over 100,000 people, destroyed Yemen's infrastructure, displaced millions, and pushed 30 million people to the brink of famine. □



Yellow vest demonstrators shout after they unfurl a giant banner that reads, 'all together, let us destroy what is destroying us' as they stage a protest at the Galeries Lafayette shopping mall in Paris, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019.

Associated Press

## France's yellow vests stage new protests for anniversary

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — Yellow vest activists staged peaceful demonstrations across France on Sunday, a day after scuffles between Paris police and protesters marred the anniversary of their movement for economic justice.

Local yellow vest groups gathered at traffic circles across France where the movement emerged one year ago.

In Paris, dozens of protesters briefly rallied under the dome of Paris' Galeries La-

fayette store to denounce consumer culture. They were later expelled by security guards and police.

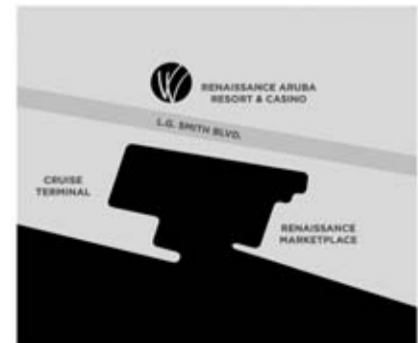
A few hundred others staged a demonstration near Les Halles shopping mall, in the center of the capital.

Most incidents happened on Place d'Italie, in the southeast of the capital, where police used tear gas and water cannons to push back protesters who were smashing windows and setting fires to vehicles and trash cans. □



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# Dubai Airshow opens as big Gulf airlines slow down purchases

By **AYA BATRAWY**

**Associated Press**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Middle East's biggest aviation event, the Dubai Airshow, opened Sunday without any major deals as flagship Gulf carriers rein back big-ticket purchases.

This year's lackluster start could be seen as a reflection of the various challenges facing the industry but may also be due to the hundreds of planes already on order by Mideast airlines that have yet to be delivered. In the only major announcement of the day, Boeing and Biman Bangladesh Airlines signed a deal for two 787-9s aircraft, which list at \$292.5 million apiece. However, buyers often get better deals from manufacturers.

In contrast, there were \$140 billion in new orders announced at the start of the 2013 airshow, but that was an era before global oil prices collapsed, sparking a slowdown in economic growth across the Gulf Arab region — home to the Middle East's largest car-



French aircrafts of the Patrouille de France spray colored smoke during a performance on the opening day of the Dubai Airshow in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019.

riers. The region's biggest airline, Emirates, recently signed a commitment for 70 new Airbus planes worth \$21.4 billion at list prices to be delivered over the next five years. At the last Dubai Airshow in 2017, the airlines announced a purchase of 40 American-made Boeing 787-10 Dreamliners in a

deal worth \$15.1 billion. The airline, which feeds Dubai's busy international airport, posted significantly lower earnings of \$237 million last year due to spikes in fuel costs at the end of 2018, a strengthened U.S. dollar, lower airfreight demand and weakened travel demand.

Meanwhile, Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways has lost a total of \$4.75 billion since 2016 as its strategy of aggressively buying stakes in airlines from Europe to Aus-

tralia to compete against Emirates and fellow rival Qatar Airways exposed the company to major losses. Qatar Airways, based out of Doha, is also struggling under the weight of a continued blockade by neighboring Arab states, which have barred the carrier from their airspace and airports.

Analyst Charles Forrester said airlines around the world are looking more at smaller aircraft that can make more frequent jour-

neys at lower costs.

There may be no starker example of this trend than the Airbus A380. Emirates was a lead customer of the superjumbo, which can carry more than 800 passengers, but the airline reduced its orders of the aircraft and it is now being phased out of production.

Forrester, a principal analyst at Jane's IHS Markit, said companies are also finding ways to extend the life of the aircraft they already have, potentially hampering the pace of new sales. "Fleets are now actually living a bit longer than they used to. Companies are able to keep their aircraft running a bit longer," he said. "Rather than constantly having to buy new aircraft all the time, just refurbish them, refit them, get them going, they're good as new."

The biennial airshow runs for five days, leaving still some time for deals to be announced.

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## Palestinian journalist may lose eye after shot by Israel

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**BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)**

— Relatives of a Palestinian freelance photographer said Sunday that he has lost vision in one eye after apparently being struck by Israeli fire while covering a demonstration last week in the occupied West Bank. Muath Amarnah's case has drawn significant attention among Palestinians and in several Arab countries, with journalists voicing solidarity by posting photos on social media with themselves wearing eye patches. Israeli paramilitary border police fired tear gas Sunday at Palestinian journalists who held a protest in solidarity with Amarnah in the city of Bethlehem.



Palestinian journalists help a colleague who fell running away from tear gas and sound bombs thrown by Israeli border police during a journalist's protest in support of a 35-year-old photographer Muath Amarnah in Bethlehem, West Bank, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019.

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Protests were also held in Gaza City. Palestinian colleagues say Amarnah, 35, was target-

ed by Israeli forces during a demonstration Friday near the West Bank city of Hebron. □

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## Hong Kong police launch operation to flush out protesters

By KEN MORITSUGU

Associated Press

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Police launched a late-night operation Sunday to try to flush out about 200 protesters out of a university campus on a day of clashes in which an officer was hit in the leg with an arrow and massive barrages of tear gas and water cannons were fired.

Riot police began moving in on one group of protesters outside the campus after issuing an ultimatum for people to leave area. They used tear gas and water cannons on a resistant crowd wearing raincoats and carrying umbrellas.

Protesters used bows and arrows earlier in the day, and one arrow struck a media liaison officer in the calf. Photos on the department's Facebook page show the arrow sticking out of the back of the officer's leg through his pants.

As riot police moved in from all sides, some protesters retreated inside Hong Kong Polytechnic University while others set fires on bridges leading to it.

A huge blaze burned along much of a long footbridge that connects a train station to the campus over the approach to the Cross-Harbour Tunnel, a major road under Hong Kong's harbor that has been blocked by the protesters for days.

The use of bows and arrows, along with a gasoline bombs launched with catapults, threatened to es-



A protester prepares to fire a bow and arrow during a confrontation with police at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019.

calate the violence in the more than five-month-long anti-government movement. Protesters are trying to keep the pressure on Hong Kong leaders, who have rejected most of their demands.

The protests were sparked by proposed legislation that would have allowed the extradition of criminal suspects to the mainland. Activists saw it as an erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy under the "one country, two systems" formula implemented in 1997, when Britain returned the territory to China.

The bill has been withdrawn, but the protests have expanded into a wider resistance movement against what is perceived

as the growing control of Hong Kong by Communist China, along with calls for full democracy for the territory.

Several hundred people formed a human chain Sunday in central Hong Kong in a peaceful rally in support of the movement. Azaze Chung, a university student, said the government should respond to the protesters' demands, not just use force against them. Police and protesters faced off all day outside Polytechnic after a pitched battle the previous night in which the two sides exchanged tear gas and gasoline bombs that left fires blazing in the street.

A large group of people arrived in the morning to

try to clean up the road but were warned away by protesters. Riot police shot several volleys of tear gas at the protesters, who sheltered behind a wall of umbrellas and threw gasoline bombs into nearby bushes and trees, setting them on fire. The protesters held their ground for most of the day, as water cannon trucks drove over bricks and nails strewn by protesters to spray them at close range — some with water dyed blue to help police identify protesters afterward.

Protesters began retreating into the university near sunset, fearing they would be trapped as police fired tear gas volleys and approached from other directions. The protesters have

barricaded the entrances to the campus and set up narrow access control points.

They are the holdouts from larger groups that occupied several major campuses for much of last week. Another group threw bricks in the street to block a main thoroughfare in the Mong-kok district, as police fired tear gas to try to disperse them. The disruption to Nathan Road traffic may have been an attempt to distract police during the standoff at Polytechnic.

Opposition lawmakers criticized the Chinese military for joining a cleanup to remove debris from streets near Hong Kong Baptist University on Saturday.

Dozens of Chinese troops, dressed in black shorts and olive drab T-shirts, ran out in loose formation and picked up paving stones, rocks and other obstacles that had cluttered the street.

The military is allowed to help maintain public order, but only at the request of the Hong Kong government. The government said that it had not requested the military's assistance, describing it as a voluntary community activity.

The Education Bureau announced that classes from kindergarten to high school would be suspended again on Monday because of safety concerns. Classes have been canceled since Thursday, after the bureau came under criticism for not doing so earlier. □

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## Bolivian interim leader meets UN envoy amid violence fears

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**  
**JUAN KARITA**

**Associated Press**

**SACABA, Bolivia (AP)** — A U.N. envoy met with Bolivia's interim president Saturday to find a way out of the country's political crisis while the world body expressed concern the situation could "spin out of control" amid a rising death toll.

On leaving the meeting with interim leader Jeanine

Áñez, envoy Jean Arnault said the United Nations hopes it can contribute to an "accelerated pacification process" leading to new elections following the resignation and exile of Evo Morales.

Meanwhile, another international body, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, condemned Áñez's government for issuing a decree it says "exempts from criminal re-



**A supporter of former President Evo Morales throws a stone to police, in La Paz, Bolivia, Friday, Nov. 15, 2019.**

## Crowd honors tree as Havana celebrates 500th anniversary

By **ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**HAVANA (AP)** — Hundreds of people in Cuba's capital stood in line to kiss, touch or walk around a towering silk floss tree Saturday in a nod to tradition as they celebrate Havana's 500th anniversary this weekend.

The event comes as Cuba deals with an ailing economy and increasingly tense relations with the U.S., concerns that were briefly cast aside as residents prepared for a gala event Saturday night featuring fireworks, music and international dignitaries.

As part of the celebrations, officials restored monuments, painted buildings, unveiled exhibitions and held book presentations.

"Havana grows, lives, sings, dances and dreams," said Félix Julio Alfonso, a professor who spoke before granting the public access to the revered silk floss tree. Many in the crowd shared their wishes with the tree, including requests for

health or financial wellbeing. Some left money while others wore white as dictated by Afro-Cuban Santería, the island's predominant religion.

Irene Domínguez, a chemical engineer, said she had faith in the tree and asked that it watch over her sick relatives and her wellbeing, as well as that of the entire city.

"I was very excited, I yelled and was near tears," she said, adding that she felt a great energy.

President Miguel Díaz-Canel greeted special guests around midday in Havana, which Spanish conquerors founded on Nov. 16, 1519. "Havana, a city of science, dance, cinema, literature, sporting events and an example of resistance in the face of neoliberalism, is also the city of dignity, the bastion of resistance against the unjust (U.S.) blockade," Díaz-Canel said in a meeting behind closed doors, according to official media. □

sponsibility" soldiers who took part in efforts to break up protests and unrest that have left at least 23 people dead.

The norm was approved before the most violent day since the crisis began, when at least eight pro-Morales coca growers were killed when security forces opened fire during a demonstration.

"It is not a license for the Armed Forces to kill," Presidency Minister Jerjes Justiniano told a press conference. He said the decree is based on the Criminal Code, which states that "if one defends oneself in self-defense, there is no penalty."

Earlier Saturday, U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet issued a statement calling the deaths "an extremely dangerous development."

"I am really concerned that the situation in Bolivia could spin out of control if the authorities do not handle it sensitively and in accordance with international norms," she said.

Protesters said police fired Friday when demonstrators tried to cross a military checkpoint in Sacaba, a town near Cochabamba. Many of the protesters were coca leaf growers loyal to Morales, who had been Bolivia's first indigenous president before being pressured to step down by Bolivia's military chief after weeks of widespread protests over a disputed election. Witnesses to the clash described seeing the bodies of several protesters and dozens of people rushed to hospitals, many covered in blood. On Saturday, Bolivia's national Ombudsman's Office raised

the death toll to eight. It said that overall 23 people had been killed in the violence. Police and soldiers broke up fresh blockades of flaming logs and tractors Saturday on the road linking Sacaba to Cochabamba, but there were no immediate reports of deaths. Morales, who was granted asylum in Mexico after his Nov. 10 resignation, said on Twitter that a "massacre" had occurred and he described the interim government led by Áñez as a dictatorship.

On Friday, Áñez said Morales would face possible legal charges for election fraud if he returned home from Mexico City. She also has said Morales would not be allowed to participate in a new presidential election, which is supposed to be held within three months. □

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## Ayo Rock formation



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## Yes, this week is my birthday



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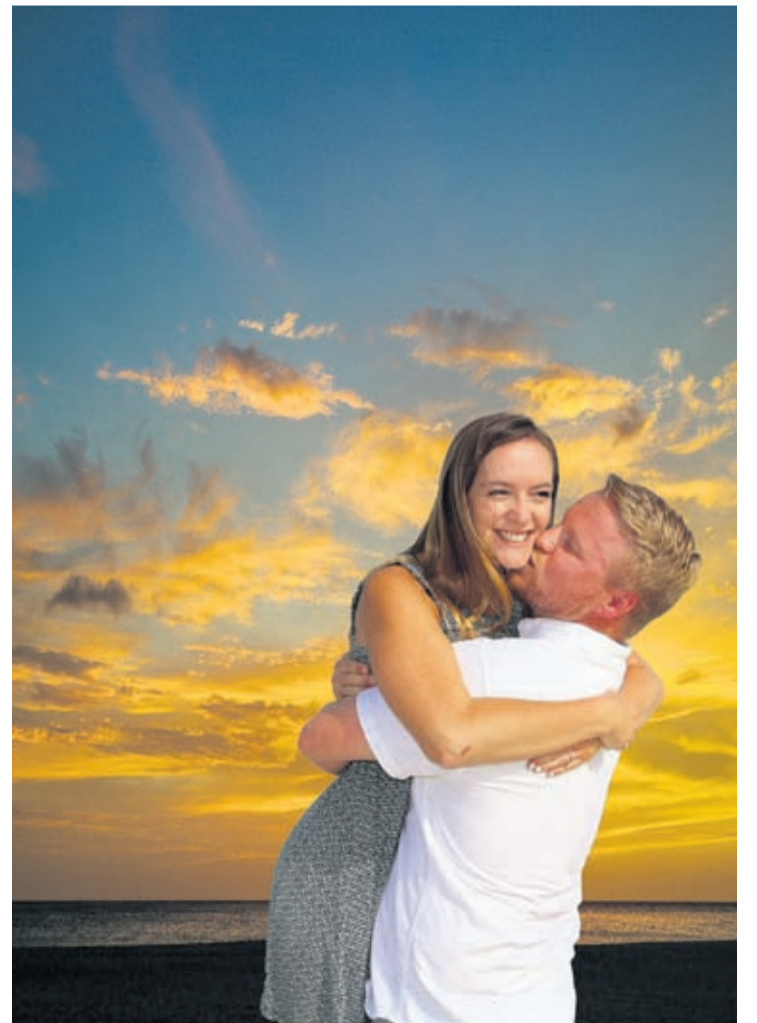
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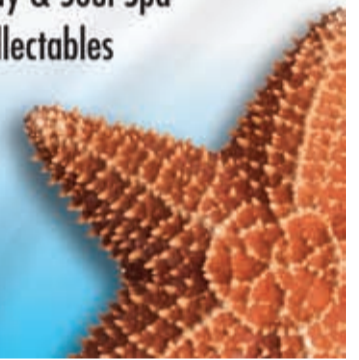
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## Boardwalk Officially Re-opened as Boutique Hotel

### Ribbon-cutting event attended by Minister of Tourism, ATA & AHATA



**PALM BEACH —** Boardwalk Boutique Hotel Aruba officially re-opened on November 15, 2019 with a festive opening ceremony, attended by Aruba's Minister of Tourism Dangui Oduber, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A.), and Tisa LaSorte, CEO and President of the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association (AHATA). Along with Boardwalk's hotel owners, the Aruba-born twin sisters Kimberly and Stephanie Rooijackers, Minister Oduber assisted in the ceremonial ribbon cutting, declaring the expanded property officially open, with the entire hotel staff in attendance. Minutes later, the very first guests, Kenneth Navarro and Lupe Leito from Curaçao, were checked-in to the brand new property.

The family-owned and operated hotel added 32 new casitas on the lush grounds of a former coco plantation known as Plantage Tromp, along with a multi-experience pool, fitness & spa facility, an inviting Lobby and intimate Lobby Café. The property's existing 14 spacious casitas were recently refreshed and refurbished. "We have tried our utmost in the design and lay-out of the extended property, to keep our unique Caribbean character and laid-back vibe intact and integrate as much local touches as we possibly could", says Kimberly Rooijackers, one of the hotel owners. "All new casitas are so-called Green Houses, constructed with Nudura and Insuldeck insulating materials, using solar panels, ultra-efficient energy management systems and 100% LED lighting. All of this to enhance our eco-friendly hotel operations", adds Rooijackers.

The expansion of the Boardwalk Boutique Hotel was realized in two and a half years, at an investment of \$10 million US dollars, in collaboration with many local contractors and partnerships such as Coburg Construction (project management), Claudia Ruiz-Vasquez (interior and conceptual design), Fantastic Gardens and Caribbean Drip (landscape design and landscaping services), Ecoled (lighting) and Crystal Pool (pool installation), Banjolux (all bathrooms) and Berloni (all kitchens). Aruba



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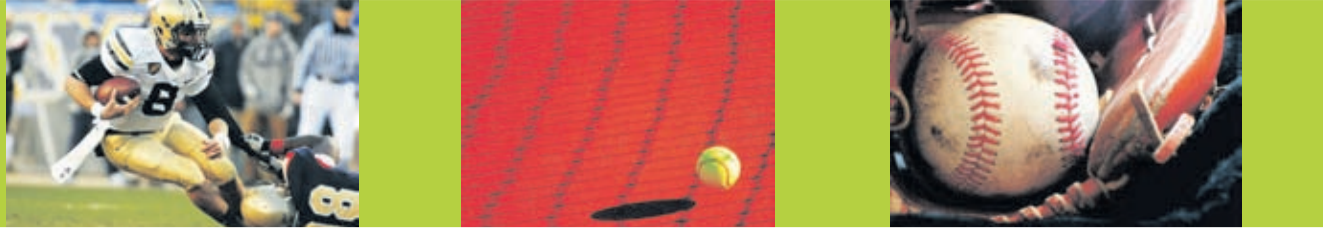
Guests can stay in various intimate suites called Coco Casita, in oversized One and Two Bedroom Casitas, a stand-alone Private Plunge Pool Casita, and a Palapa-style Lodge offering stunning sea views and a wrap-around terrace. Four Coco Casitas feature one-of-a-kind, hand-painted murals depicting Aruba's local flora and fauna, as well as outdoor showers just off of the indoor bathrooms.

The boutique hotel's signature patios, barbecue grills and hammocks are featured with every casita, as well as large living spaces and fully equipped, modern kitchens and kitchenettes. The addition of 32 new casitas extends the Boardwalk's lush coco oasis, adding more outdoor seating areas for reading and relaxation. The new multi-experience pool caters to the entire family with intimate pool-decks, over-water hammock, water features, a kid-friendly pool entry and daily poolside bar service. A second pool offers secluded indulgence in a lush oasis, while the brand-new gym facilitates wellness options such as yoga.

Boardwalk Boutique Hotel, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, is consistently ranked on TripAdvisor as the #2 Aruba Hotel in Palm/Eagle Beach and in their Top 25 Best Caribbean Hotels for Service. The hotel is family-run and operated by Kimberly and Stephanie Rooijackers since 2011, and employs 20 local staff members. □

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# SPORTS



Kyle Busch holds up his trophy in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto racing season championship on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

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## Kyle Busch leads Gibbs trio to win 2nd NASCAR championship

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer  
HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) —

Kyle Busch casually collected the championship flag from his team and did a slow, subdued celebratory lap. The most polarizing driver in NASCAR had just won his second Cup title and wanted his true fans to enjoy the moment with him.

It was a lesson learned from his first Cup title in 2015 when Busch ruined the massive championship banner doing smoke-filled burnouts.

"It messed up the flag and everything and I wanted to get a good shot with the flag everywhere, make sure everybody could get a good shot of the flag because we're the 2019 champions," Busch said. "There are always your doubters. There are always your haters. You know what? This one's for 'Rowdy Nation' because you guys are the best. Thank you so much."

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# TEXAS TOASTED

## Ravens defense steals the show in big win over Texans

Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Seth Roberts, left, catches a touchdown pass from quarterback Lamar Jackson, not visible, as Houston Texans cornerback Gareon Conley (22) defends during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, in Baltimore.

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# Tsitsipas beats Thiem in 3 sets to win ATP Finals title

By **MATTIAS KAREN**

**LONDON (AP)** — Three years after coming to the ATP Finals as a hitting partner to the top pros, Stefanos Tsitsipas is leaving the tournament as champion. Tsitsipas rallied to beat Dominic Thiem 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (4) on Sunday for the biggest title of his career, becoming the youngest champion at the season-ending event in 18 years. "I remember myself watching this event on TV and thinking, 'Oh, these guys have done an insane year to be playing here,'" said the 21-year-old Tsitsipas, who was making his first appearance at the tournament. "And now I'm in the position to be champion, so it feels awesome."

It's been quite a journey for Tsitsipas, who first met Thiem at the O2 Arena in 2016 when he was the world's top-ranked junior and was invited to be a hitting partner for the ATP Finals participants.

"That is unbelievable," Tsitsipas said when reminded of that day. "I just remembered (that), first time I met Dominic was I came here as a sparring partner. I think my first hit was with Dominic. It's unbelievable, isn't it? We are now facing each other in the final."

It was quite a final, too. The 21-year-old Greek bounced back from dropping a tight first set by racing out to a 4-0 lead in the second, and then held off the Austrian's comeback in the third.

Tsitsipas couldn't capitalize on another early break and a 3-1 lead in the deciding set but won the last three points of the tiebreaker, clinching the win when Thiem sent a return wide.

"I missed some very close balls in the tiebreak," Thiem said. "But I cannot do anything now about it. It was a great match from both of us."

The win caps a breakthrough season for Tsitsipas, who reached the semifinals of the Australian Open, won two ATP titles and became the first Greek man to break into the top 10. He also leaves London with

\$2.6 million in prize money for this win and joins a group of young players — including last year's ATP Finals champion Alexander Zverev and U.S. Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev — who are seen as the top up-and-coming talents and challengers to the sport's Big Three of Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal.

The Greek has already grown quite the fan base, partly because of a Bjorn Borg-style haircut and partly because of an aggressive playing style that is a bit old-school with frequent forays to the net.

"He's great for tennis, because he has a very attractive game style, one-handed backhand, comes in a lot," Thiem said. "It's great

that he's up on the top. It's great that he's going to fight for the big titles in the future. I'm 100% sure of that. I'm also very sure of the fact that I can challenge him in every single match we're going to play. ... I really hope that we're going to have a lot of big matches coming, the two of us."

Thiem beat both Federer and five-time winner Djokovic in the group stage but lost another big final after twice finishing runner-up to Nadal at the French Open.

This one was much closer than his losses to Nadal, though, which made it tougher to swallow.

"That's why it's probably mentally the most brutal sport existing, because you can play such a great



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece holds up the trophy and celebrates with the ball kids after defeating Austria's Dominic Thiem in the final of the ATP World Finals tennis match at the O2 arena in London, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019.

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match and end up losing in the championship match," Thiem said. "From that point of view, it's a very dis-

appointing loss, very hard to digest. But on the same hand, I had some amazing wins also." □

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## Ravens harass Watson, beat Texans 41-7 for 6th straight win

By **DAVID GINSBURG**  
AP Sports Writer

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Deshaun Watson couldn't run, couldn't hide and couldn't escape from the Baltimore Ravens' defense.

Making matters worse for the Houston Texans: They couldn't handle the elusive and talented Lamar Jackson.

Jackson threw four touchdown passes and ran for 86 yards to help Baltimore extend its winning streak to six games with a 41-7 rout of the Texans on Sunday.

The game was billed as a matchup between first-place AFC teams and two of the best double-threat quarterbacks in the NFL.

Jackson and the Baltimore defense made it a one-sided affair, and now the Ravens (8-2) are riding their longest winning streak since a seven-game run in 2000, their first Super Bowl season.

"Anytime you are 8-2 you have a special group of guys," said running back Mark Ingram, who caught two TD passes.

"We have a goal of being champions."

After throwing three touchdown passes to put Baltimore up 21-0 in the third quarter, Jackson followed with his most impressive play of the day: a 39-yard run in which he broke six tackles, weaving through the Houston secondary as if playing keep-away with the football.

Though Jackson didn't get into the end zone, the jaunt had a striking resemblance to his dazzling 47-yard touchdown run against the Bengals one week earlier.

"That was remarkable. It was incredible," coach John Harbaugh said of Jackson's downfield foray against Houston. "I haven't seen anything quite like it



**Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson throws a pass against the Houston Texans during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, in Baltimore.**

— since last week." Ingram said: "He keeps one-upping himself." Watson, on the other hand, spent the entire afternoon running from a defense that utilized a variety of blitzes and coverages. Baltimore rang up seven sacks — six against Watson — forced two turnovers and limited the nimble-footed quarterback to 12 yards rushing on three carries.

"To control Deshaun Watson the way they did was a team effort," Harbaugh said. "Great job of good, disciplined rush lanes." Watson went 18 for 29 for 169 yards with a lost fumble and an interception. Houston (6-4) fell behind 34-0 before Carlos Hyde ran for a 41-yard touchdown with 7:10 remaining.

Jackson remained on the

sideline after that. With Robert Griffin III taking the snaps, Gus Edwards scored on a 63-yard run with 4:10 left. And with that, Watson was removed from the game, too.

"It didn't go our way. They executed, we didn't execute. That's it," Watson said.

So what's next? "Flush it and move forward," Watson said, matter-of-factly.

Jackson completed 17 of 24 passes for 222 yards. After starting 1 for 6, he completed 13 in a row to turn the game into a rout.

Jackson is the first Ravens player to have two games in a season with at least four touchdown passes. He had five in the opener against Miami.

"I like that stat. I'd rather throw them than run them," Jackson said.

Ingram caught touchdown passes of 25 and 12 yards in the second half after Seth Roberts and Mark Andrews scored before halftime. For the season, Jackson has 19 TD passes, five interceptions and a whopping 788 yards rushing.

Houston came in with four wins in five games before last week's bye. The extra rest obviously was of no use in preparing for a strong Ravens team that defeated Seattle and New England during this impressive winning streak.

The Texans failed to score in the first half for the first time this season, generating only 102 yards of offense and yielding four sacks while falling behind 14-0.

Watson lost a fumble on Houston's opening drive, but Baltimore's Justin Tucker subsequently hit the right upright with a 43-yard field goal try. It was his first miss in 23 attempts dating to last season.

Later in the quarter, the Ravens were denied a first down on a fake field goal. Jackson found his groove on Baltimore's third possession, throwing for 50 yards and running for 12 during a 90-yard march that ended with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Roberts.

For an encore, Jackson threw an 18-yard scoring strike to Andrews to cap a 70-yard drive and make it 14-0 with 2:14 left in the first half.

"We didn't start well offensively and it gave (Jackson) time," O'Brien said. "We didn't adjust. Once he got going, he got going."

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With four catches in the first quarter, the 27-year-old Hopkins became the second-youngest player in NFL history to reach 600 receptions for his career. Only Larry Fitzgerald was quicker to 600.

**INJURIES**

Texans: S Mike Adams received a concussion during pregame warmups and did not play. ... CB Lonnie Johnson Jr. hurt his right foot during Jackson's 39-yard jaunt. ... S Justin Reed left in the third quarter with a shoulder injury. ... WR Will Fuller (hamstring) was inactive.

Ravens: DT Michael Pierce (ankle) was inactive.

**UP NEXT**

Houston makes a quick turnaround, hosting Indianapolis on Thursday night in a key AFC South matchup. Baltimore travels across the country to face the Los Angeles Rams on Monday night. □



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## NASCAR championship

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Busch emerged from the Joe Gibbs Racing juggernaut as NASCAR's latest champion, winning his second title Sunday after teammates Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. were slowed by pit-road gaffes. Busch won the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to snap a 21-race losing streak and beat Hamlin, Truex and rival Kevin Harvick for the Cup. Busch joined seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson as the only active drivers with multiple titles.

"Ol' two-timer out there," crew chief Adam Stevens radioed. "I'm proud of you buddy."

The 34-year-old Busch simply thanked his crew. He's the 16th driver in NASCAR history to win multiple championships, and one of only five to win titles in both the Cup Series and the second-tier Xfinity Series.

The No. 18 crew climbed the pit wall and handed Busch the championship flag for his post-race celebration, and he was met on the frontstretch by 4-year-old son Brexton, who immediately asked: "Dad, are you going to throw me in the air again?" about their celebratory tradition.

"He was asking if he could get thrown up in the air because we won a race," Busch said. "He's a little lighter than the trophy, so I think I'm OK."

Busch had raced for a second championship in each of the last three seasons and fell short a year ago in part because of his crew's own pit error. This time, it was Truex and Hamlin bitten by silly mistakes. Truex dominated early but fell a lap back after his crew put tires on the wrong side of his

Toyota. "You've got to be perfect, one mistake probably cost us the championship," Truex said. "I've never had that happen. I don't even know what to say. It doesn't drive good with the left front on the right front, though, I can tell you that. It's very tight."

Hamlin fell out of contention when an aggressive aerodynamic gamble backfired because a large piece of tape placed across the front of his car caused his engine to overheat. Hamlin had to make an unscheduled pit stop to remove the tape.

Truex recovered to finish second, but Hamlin didn't have enough time to overcome the miscue and was a disappointing 10th.

"I feel like I did all I could. I don't feel I could have done a better job. I didn't leave anything out there," Hamlin said. "I was thinking we got a chance and it just didn't work out. We got a little aggressive there and it cost us."

Harvick, the only Ford driver in the championship field, never had anything on long runs for the Gibbs cars and finished fourth.

"On the restarts I could do what I wanted to do and hold them off for 15 or 20 laps," Harvick said. "This race has come down to that every year. You kind of play toward that and they were quite a bit better than us on the long run. We had a really good car for those first 15 to 20 laps on the restarts and had a lot of speed, we just never got to try to race for it there."

The finale pitted a trio of Toyota drivers from Hall of Fame owner Gibbs against Harvick, the hand-picked driver of former Gibbs protege Tony Stewart at Stewart-Haas Racing. The Gibbs



Kyle Busch celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto racing season championship on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

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group had the edge based on its tremendous season — Busch's win was the 19th out of 36 races for the organization — and the trio insisted it would continue its note-sharing all weekend. Las Vegas couldn't chose a title favorite and the four had essentially even odds at the start of the race, even though Busch was probably the least likely contender of the group. Although he won the regular season crown, his last Cup win was at Pocono in June, his playoffs leading into Homestead had been mediocre at best and his mood soured with every missed victory lane.

"We had a cold spell there. It's been well documented," Stevens said. "Quite a few questions about it. We're in such a unique situation, as a competitive team that runs up front with the goal of winning the championship every year, everything we do is to make that happen, right? To win the regular season points championship, then

try to maintain that and get to Homestead, that's what it's all about."

Hamlin, Harvick and Truex had all won playoff races, and Hamlin's win at Phoenix last week gave him all the momentum. But with friend and fan Michael Jordan in attendance, Hamlin failed to win his first championship in his third try. Hamlin is the only driver in the final four without a Cup title.

"Our year was fantastic in every way you can think of, and it just didn't pan out in one race in our favor," said Hamlin, who won the Daytona 500 and five other races a year removed from a winless season.

Busch, ironically, had one of his worst races in the pits in last year's finale as his front-tire changer had hiccups on two stops. But he was flawless Sunday night and led a race-high 120 laps.

"Everybody always says you never give up. We're no different. We just do what we can do each and every week," Busch said.

"Sometimes we may not be the best, sometimes we may not have the right track position. We had a really good car and I could race around and move around.

That's what's so special about Homestead Miami Speedway, is the ability to put on a show.

"I felt like we did that there racing those guys. I know it kind of dulled out toward the end. It was exciting enough from my seat. It was a lot of fun to cap off such an amazing year."

Busch gave Gibbs his fifth Cup title and bookended a season in which the Gibbs cars opened the year 1-2-3 at the Daytona 500. Gibbs this entire year has been mourning the death of his son, JGR co-chairman J.D. Gibbs, and the organization promoted a "Do it for J.D." theme the entire weekend.

The season ended with a 1-2-3 finish in the finale as it was Busch, Truex and Erik Jones across the finish line for Gibbs. □



Philadelphia 76ers' Tobias Harris dunks the ball against the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

By **STEVE HERRICK**

Associated Press

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Tobias Harris scored 27 points, Joel Embiid had 14 and the Philadelphia 76ers routed the Cleveland Cavaliers 114-95 on Sunday.

Cleveland nearly pulled off an upset in Philadelphia

on Tuesday before falling 98-97, but the 76ers ended quickly ended any hope of a repeat.

Philadelphia went ahead midway through the first quarter and steadily built the lead, shooting 67% in the half. The lead reached 75-44 early in the third quar-

ter.

Harris was 12 of 14 from the field, missing only one of 12 2-point attempts. Ben Simmons had 10 points and 11 assists, and the 76ers had six players score in double figures.

Cavaliers forward Kevin Love took a hard fall after

## Harris, Embiid lead 76ers to 114-95 rout of Cavaliers

being flattened by Furkan Korkmaz while shooting in the lane in the first quarter. Love got up after being on the floor for a couple of moments and gave the thumbs-up sign to the crowd, remaining in the game.

Love scored 12 points in 25 minutes. Collin Sexton had 17 points for Cleveland, which has lost three straight and opened a stretch of five games in seven days. The Cavaliers were ahead of the 76ers by five points late in Tuesday's game, but couldn't hold the lead. Love missed an open 3-pointer on the final possession.

Philadelphia shredded Cleveland's defense this time with 33 assists on 46 baskets. The 76ers followed an 11-0 run with a 14-3 spurt to take a 60-31 lead on Harris' dunk with four minutes to play in the second quarter. Philadelphia had dropped five of seven going into the game, including consecutive losses in Orlando and Oklahoma City, but finished its road trip on a high note. Kings 100, Celtics 99

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — Buddy Hield scored a season-high 35 points, Richaun Holmes hit two free throws with 13.3 seconds remaining to give Sacramento the lead, and the Kings snapped the Boston Celtics' 10-game winning

streak with a 100-99 victory Sunday.

Marcus Smart had a chance to win it for Boston, but his runner in the lane hung on the rim before trickling off as the buzzer sounded.

Harrison Barnes added 13 points and Bogdan Bogdanovic had 12 points and 10 assists for the Kings (5-7), who lost a similarly close game two nights earlier to the Lakers in Los Angeles. The Celtics (10-2) lost for the first time since their Oct. 23 opener at Philadelphia. Jaylen Brown scored 18 points and Kemba Walker had 15 for Boston. Jayson Tatum and Daniel Theis each added 14.

Down four to start the second half, the Celtics outscored the Kings 29-21 in the third quarter to take a 75-71 advantage entering the fourth.

The Kings led 50-46 at the half, holding the Celtics to 41% shooting (16 for 39) overall and 5 for 17 from beyond the arc.

Hield had 16 points on 7-for-11 shooting to lead Sacramento over the first two quarters.

Boston didn't have a player crack double figures in scoring in the first half and helped Sacramento by committing 11 turnovers, which the Kings converted into 13 points. □

## Mexico rallies to beat U.S. 3-2, earn Olympic baseball berth

By **The Associated Press**

Matt Clark hit a tying home run off former St. Louis pitcher Brandon Dickson leading off the bottom of the ninth inning, Efen Navarro had a broken-bat single against Caleb Thielbar to drive in the winning run in the 10th and Mexico beat the United States 3-2 Sunday at the Tokyo Dome to qualify for the Olympic baseball tournament for the first time.

Mexico joined host Japan, South Korea and Israel in the six-nation field for next summer's Tokyo Games and earned the bronze

medal in the Premier12 tournament, which served as qualifying. The United States will play next spring in the Americas tournament, which determines one of the two remaining Olympic berths.

Jo Adell, the 10th overall pick by the Los Angeles Angels in the 2017 amateur draft, homered in the first against Tampa Bay's Arturo Reyes. Milwaukee's Cody Ponce, the U.S. starter, allowed three hits in five scoreless innings with six strikeouts and a walk.

Clark, who played 16 games for Milwaukee in

2014, tied it in the sixth with a bases-loaded, two-out single off Kansas City prospect Daniel Tillo. Clark had missed part of the tournament with an Achilles tendon injury and limped at times.

Boston's Bobby Dalbec ended a 0-for-10 slide with an RBI single in the seventh off Jesus Rios for a 2-1 lead. Under tournament rules, extra innings start with runners on first and second.

Dalbec sacrificed leading off the 10th and Atlanta's Drew Walters was intentionally walked. Winner Carlos Bustamante struck

out Philadelphia's Alec Bohm, then retired Tampa Bay's Jake Cronenworth on a flyout.

Jon Jones sacrificed on a 1-2 pitch leading off the bottom half against Dickson, who pitched for the Cardinals in 2011 and '12. Esteban Quiroz was intentionally walked and U.S. manager Scott Brosius brought in Thielbar, a left-hander who finished the season in Atlanta's minor league system and became a free agent, to face the left-handed-hitting Navarro, a 33-year-old whose last major league experi-

ence was four games for the Chicago Cubs in 2018. Navarro singled to center. The Mexicans are managed by Juan Castro. He will be an infield coach next season for Philadelphia manager Joe Girardi, who was to manage the U.S. team but quit to take the Phillies job.

Mexico had beaten the U.S. 8-2 in the group stage on Nov. 3 at Guadalajara, Mexico. The U.S. got in position to play for a berth only because South Korea defeated Mexico 7-3 and Taiwan defeated Australia 5-1 in the super round. □



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In this June 1949 photo, competitors jump in the 120-yard international hurdles during the British Games, incorporating International Athletics Match, in London. The competitors are P Van de Sype of Belgium (1); A. Marie of France (no.3); Donald Finlay of Britain (4); E. Arneberg, of Norway (5); Harrison Dillard, left, of the United States, and G. V. D. Hoeven, of Holland (7). Dillard won the event in 14.4 seconds, followed by A. Marie in second place and Finlay in third.

Associated Press

## Harrison Dillard, Olympic champion sprinter/hurdler, dies

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Harrison Dillard, the former Buffalo Soldier and only Olympic runner to win gold medals in both the sprints and high hurdles, has died. He was 96.

Longtime friend Ted Theodore said Dillard died Friday at the Cleveland Clinic after a fight with stomach cancer. The 1955 Sullivan Award winner as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete, Dillard was the oldest living U.S. Olympic champion.

"It is a loss for humanity," Theodore said Cleveland.com. "He was an example for all of us, how to live our lives, with never an unkind word for anyone. He was a champion, a true champion."

Dillard was a sharpshooter in the last racially segregated unit in the U.S. Army in World War II, serving as a Buffalo Soldier in the 92nd Infantry Division. He returned to Europe a few

years later for the Olympics. In the 1948 London Games, Dillard won the 100 meters in 10.3 seconds and earned another gold medal on the United States' 400 relay team. At the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, Dillard won his specialty, the 110 high hurdles, in 13.91, and again ran on the winning relay team. Overall, Dillard won more than 400 races — 82 in a row at one point.

Dillard won 11 indoor and outdoor national championships, including the indoor 60-yard hurdles a record eight consecutive years. Dillard won that event at the Millrose Games nine years in a row. He held world hurdles records at 60 yards indoors, and 110 yards and 220 yards outdoors. In 1974, Dillard was inducted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame, and in 1983 he became a charter inductee into the U.S. Olympic Committee Hall of Fame. □

## Fleetwood wins South Africa, moves to 2nd in Race to Dubai

**SUN CITY, South Africa (AP)** — Tommy Fleetwood made three eagles for a 7-under 65 and rallied from a six-shot deficit to win the Nedbank Golf Challenge in a playoff Sunday.

Fleetwood beat Marcus Kinhult on the first extra hole at Sun City for his fifth European Tour victory, and first in nearly two years.

Fleetwood only needed a par on the 18th hole in the playoff when Kinhult, who closed with a 68, missed the fairway and had to chip out sideways.

Fleetwood won \$2.5 million and moved to No. 2 in the Race to Dubai behind Bernd Wiesberger of Austria, who tied for third at Sun City. The season ends next week with the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai.

The 28-year-old Fleetwood won the Race to Dubai in 2017 and has a chance of being crowned Europe's No. 1 for the second time in three seasons.

Zander Lombard of South Africa, who had the 54-hole lead, closed with a 77 and tied for eighth.

The leading five players going into Dubai are Wiesberger, Fleetwood, Jon Rahm, Shane Lowry and Matt Fitzpatrick. Rahm did not play the last two Rolex Series events that lead to the season finale.

### PGA TOUR

**PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico (AP)** — Brendon Todd and Vaughn Taylor were tied for the lead with four holes remaining in the rain-delayed Mayakoba Golf Classic when play was suspended because of darkness.

Todd, coming off a victory in the Bermuda Championship two weeks ago, shot



England's Tommy Fleetwood celebrates winning the the 39th edition of the Nedbank Golf Challenge, at Sun City, South Africa, Sunday, Nov. 17 2019.

Associated Press

a 6-under 65 on Sunday morning to take a one-shot lead into the final round over Taylor (66) and Harris English (68).

They all remained in the mix, along with Carlos Ortiz, challenging for his first PGA Tour victory before a home crowd in Mexico. Ortiz was one shot behind and chose not to play the 18th hole when it became too dark for him to properly see.

Todd and Taylor were at 20-under par, one ahead of English and Ortiz. Taylor came up short on the par-3 15th and pitched to 5 feet. Todd and English had birdie putts from the 20-foot range on the hole.

Todd had a two-shot lead until he failed to get up-

and-down from just off the green on the par-5 13th, and then hit a heavy chip and missed a 7-foot par putt on the next hole.

The tournament did not start until Friday because heavy rain washed out the opening round.

### JAPAN GOLF TOUR

**SHIZUOKA, Japan (AP)** — Takumi Kanaya became the fourth amateur to win a Japan Golf Tour event when he made a 20-foot eagle putt on the final hole for a 5-under 65 and a one-shot victory in the Visa Taiheiyo Masters.

Takumi, the 21-year-old junior in college, won the Asia Pacific Amateur in 2018 and played in the Masters this year. □

## NBA teams enhancing fan experience with high-tech replays



In this Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, photo taken from video, technicians monitor video feeds from 38 cameras placed around State Farm Arena in Atlanta in order to produce 3 dimensional video replays.

By **CHARLES ODUMN**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — NBA fans will soon be able to look up at the big videoboard above the court and get a different look at that deep Trae Young 3-pointer early in the first quarter. Or see a different perspective of that monstrous Giannis Antetokounmpo dunk. In a reversal of roles, NBA teams are bringing the video game experience back to the live action — one arena at a time. The Atlanta Hawks Friday will become the fifth NBA team to unveil significant financial investments into new 360-degree replay technology designed to eventually give fans the power to change the way they see the game. "It's the wave of the future," said Hawks vice-president of live experience Joe Abercrombie, who says the technology also is "one more thing to give people a reason to come" to the arena.

The Bucks, Mavericks, Pacers, Wizards and now the Hawks are using the technology to package and replay highlights in the arena during games. The Bulls, who host the 2020 All-Star game, are scheduled to come online next month. "It's very nice. I especially like that up-above view," said Allen Hazlett a fan from New Berlin, Wisconsin, after seeing the new technology at Thursday night's Bulls-Bucks game in Milwaukee. "I think it's an added benefit for the fans. For those that aren't here all the time, to see that, I think, really ups the fan experience for them. I don't think people realize until you go somewhere else and you don't see it how lucky we are to have this arena. Everything here is state of the art." The six teams have joined NBA partner Intel, which provides the technology for the new video replays. The process begins with 38 5K video cameras strategi-

cally located around arenas. The high-tech cameras work together, bringing 360-degree replays to in-game video boards, TV broadcasts and fans' devices through social media. It's the latest effort by teams to entice ticket-buying fans to come to new and renovated NBA arenas. Atlanta spent almost \$200 million to renovate State Farm Arena; Milwaukee last year opened its \$477 Fiserv Forum. "For us it was really a no-brainer," said Matt Pazaras, the Bucks' senior vice president for business development and strategy. "There's nothing like seeing a Giannis dunk live, and if we can supplement that experience with this technology, great. But if people are experiencing the Bucks wherever they are, hours away or thousands of miles away, we can still make the experience better." NFL fans already have seen 360 replays on TV. Those

replays start from the traditional side camera before swinging around to bring the viewer behind the quarterback. Not that the NFL was first in line. Gamers have been manipulating all-angle replays for years. Video game-savvy kids may roll their eyes when their parents come home from NBA games eager to share their stories about their first looks at 360-degree replays. Those video games were designed to mimic the real games. Now it's time for some role-reversal. Rich Green, Intel's director of sports, said popular video games Madden NFL 19 and NBA 2K20 "have camera angles and if you do replays, you can spin the camera around." Added Green: "Now we're going to have that in live games. Now they can watch their favorite player and follow just him. It increases their level of en-

gagement." The new technology isn't just for the fans. Coaches and scouts can make use of the enhanced replays to improve player evaluations.

"I think the future of this is going to weigh heavy for basketball operations and player development," Abercrombie said.

Players now have better tools to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. Abercrombie said players who take dozens of shots in a practice can now study their shooting form in a new way.

"Players have asked 'Can I shootaround and you take a look at the way I'm shooting and I want to spin around and take a look at the way I'm releasing,'" he said. "You think about traditional coverage of a game, there's only four angles. Two on the floor and two up.

"When you think about 360 view and repetitive shooting over and over again, they can say 'Oh, I see where my tendencies are.'"

Hawks CEO Steve Koonin, a former executive at Turner Entertainment, says TV sports leaders have dreamed for years of the day fans could control the way they watch a game.

"We've been reading for years that 'You can be the director,'" Koonin said. "Actually, you can do that with this. The capabilities are unbelievable. ... We think it's the next generation of sports media."

Green said there is more to come as new ways to utilize the technology will be found that are not yet possible.

Green said such high-tech terms as "voxels" — similar to pixels in the 3D age — and "volumetric video" will become common. He said fans will be able to follow a game from the viewpoint of their favorite player.

"How you watch a play could be completely different from how I watch it based on how we control what angle we want to see," Green said. "That's why we're just scratching the surface." □



# Liz Weston: What to do if your parents need financial help

By LIZ WESTON

Associated Press

Most parents in the U.S. provide some sort of financial support to their adult children, multiple surveys have found. But often, financial aid goes the other way.

A 2015 survey by TD Ameritrade found 13% of American adults provided financial support to a parent. Millennials were far more likely than older generations to report they were helping their folks. Of people born between 1981 and 1996, 19% helped support their parents, compared with 13% of Gen Xers (1965 to 1980) and 8% of baby boomers (1946 to 1964).

Sometimes the money is provided happily, or at least without resentment, by those following cultural norms or personal conviction that they owe it to their parents. Other times, financial aid to parents is a source of tension — between parent and adult child, among siblings and between partners.

Certified financial planner Austin A. Frye had no idea when he married his wife four decades ago that they would one day support her parents. The older couple, now in their 80s, cover their day-to-day expenses with



This April 2017, file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

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a union pension and Social Security. Frye and his wife cover unexpected expenses and travel for her parents, Frye says, and also pay \$15,000 a year for a long-term care policy.

Frye says that though he's happy to be in a position to help his in-laws, he still wishes they had saved money for their retirement. "They just spent what they made," Frye says. "They didn't really plan."

Certified financial planner Kashif A. Ahmed, on the other hand, comes from a Pakistani culture where younger people get into

arguments about who will have the honor of caring for an older relative. Ahmed said he needed a spreadsheet to coordinate the dozens of relatives who volunteered to help his great-grandparents in their final illnesses.

Ahmed invited his mother to move in with him after his father died in 2001. His wife, Simona, an economist who grew up with similar values in Romania, supported the move, and Ahmed's mother is helping to raise their four daughters, ages 6 to 16.

Ahmed says financial ad-

visers from other cultures often have trouble grasping the deep sense of obligation. He's heard peers criticize clients who aren't saving enough for retirement or are neglecting other goals while supporting parents, saying the clients don't "get it."

"I'll say, 'No, no, no. You don't get it,'" Ahmed says. Balancing competing goals is what financial planning is all about. If you're supporting a parent or think you may in the future, the following steps could help make the balancing act a bit easier.

**TALK TO YOUR PARTNER.** If you're married or in a committed relationship, it helps to get on the same page about how much you're willing and able to give. Brainstorm different scenarios, such as emergency expenses (how much can you give, and what constitutes an emergency?) or long-term care (can you provide care in your home or help pay for in-home or nursing care?). If you're not clear what you can afford, a consultation with a financial planner could help. If you don't have a partner, talking to a trusted friend or a financial planner can help you clarify what you

can offer and when.

**TALK WITH YOUR PARENTS.** Just over half of the people supporting parents in the TD Ameritrade survey had ever talked with them about it. Financial planners say that understanding the parents' financial situation can help you prepare, and might also provide an opportunity for you to reduce their need for your help. You could help them budget, give them a session with a financial planner or check Benefits.gov for assistance programs. You also can let them know how much help you can afford to provide.

**ROPE IN YOUR SIBLINGS, IF YOU HAVE THEM.** Even if they can't contribute financially, they may be able to help in other ways: running errands, taking parents to the doctor, handling bill paying and other paperwork, or providing respite care.

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.** You may have to delay retirement, buying a house or having kids to support your parents. Many people do, according to the survey. But you should have a plan to eventually reach your own goals. Unlike your parents, you may have only yourself to rely on when you're older. □

# United Auto Workers approve new 4-year contract with Ford



In this Feb. 14, 2019, file photo a wheel on a 2019 Ford Expedition 4x4 is displayed at the 2019 Pittsburgh International Auto Show in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Members of the United Auto Workers union at Ford Motor Co. voted Friday to approve a new contract with the company.

The union said in a statement that 56.3% of workers

who voted were in favor of the deal.

The four-year agreement reached Oct. 31 gives workers a mix of pay raises and lump-sum payments as well as a \$9,000 ratification bonus. The company also promises \$6 billion in

U.S. factory investments. Ford gets to close an engine factory near Detroit but its 600 workers there will get jobs at a nearby plant.

Acting Union President Rory Gamble called the agreement "life changing" for workers and said it eliminates perpetual temporary

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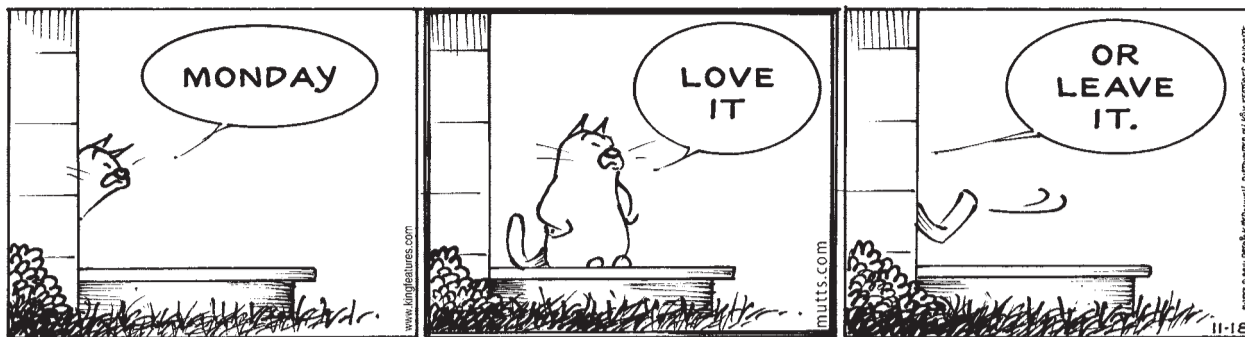
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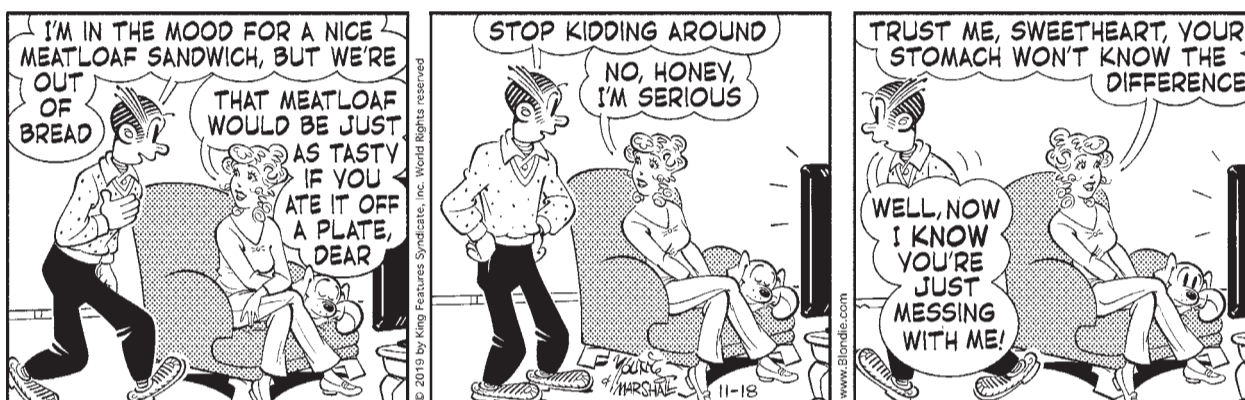
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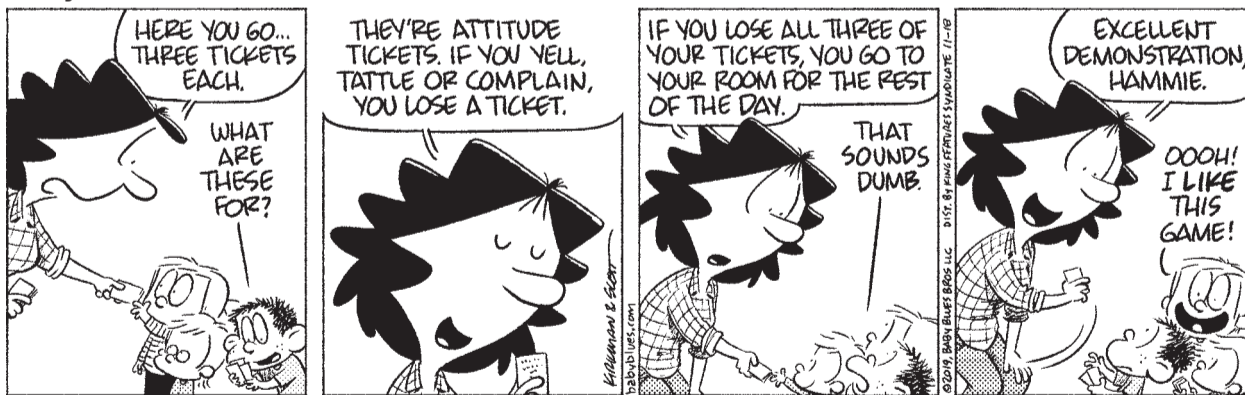
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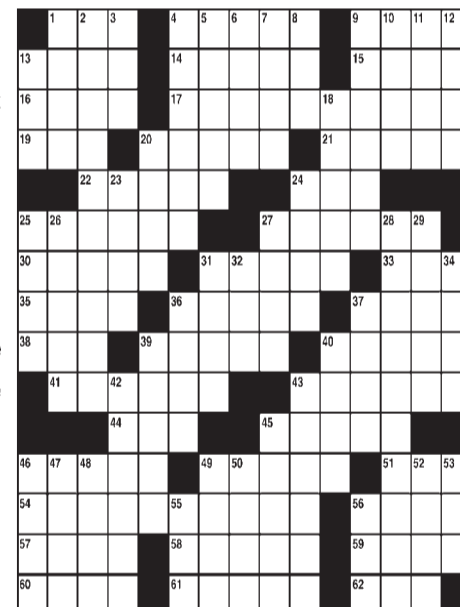
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Tampa
- Buccaneers
- 4 Noisy kiss
- 9 Scared cat's back position
- 13 Classic board game
- 14 Indiana's \_\_\_ Haute
- 15 Story
- 16 Expe! from office
- 17 Warning
- 19 Gusto
- 20 Necklace fastener
- 21 Cantaloupe casings
- 22 Know-\_\_\_; wisecr
- 24 "\_\_\_ the Good Times"; Ray Price hit
- 25 NASCAR drivers
- 27 Solitude lovers
- 30 Classic by Homer
- 31 Asks nosy questions
- 33 Tiny fellow
- 35 Recessed area
- 36 Burrito filling, often \_\_\_ up; arouse
- 38 Big antelope
- 39 Moisten a turkey
- 40 Wet sticky mud
- 41 Accompany & protect
- 43 Few and far between
- 44 "The \_\_\_"; Boston's nickname
- 45 Large feather
- 46 Chef's accessory
- 49 Edible sea creature
- 51 Graduate degree, for short
- 54 Tracking dog
- 56 Mental laborer
- 57 Allows
- 58 Linda Lavin sitcom
- 59 Mayberry's sheriff
- 60 Simple
- 61 Tenth-graders, familiarly
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

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- 2 Promising a good outcome
- 3 However
- 4 Delays on purpose
- 5 Olympian's award
- 6 Provides with a gun
- 7 Farmer's harvest
- 8 Nickname for a man
- 9 Garments
- 10 Weather forecast
- 11 Clumsy person
- 12 Cluckers
- 13 Policeman
- 18 Most of the golf clubs in the bag
- 20 Deuce or jack
- 23 Good wood for ships
- 24 Opponents
- 25 Jewelry store purchase
- 26 "Home \_\_\_", Macaulay Culkin film
- 27 Queue
- 28 Pensioner's period of life
- 29 \_\_\_ down; loses weight
- 31 Pain in the neck
- 32 One not to be trusted
- 34 On the loose
- 36 Fishhook
- 37 Make noise in closing
- 39 "Homeward \_\_\_", Simon & Garfunkel hit
- 40 Potato
- 42 Persnickety
- 43 Goes down smoothly
- 45 Sock
- 46 Suffix for favor or fashion
- 47 Sincere request
- 48 Decomposes
- 49 Fly alone
- 50 Witty response
- 52 \_\_\_ language; gestures
- 53 "\_\_\_ Given Sunday"; Pacino film
- 55 \_\_\_-been; one who's lost popularity
- 56 Faux \_\_\_; blunder

# After 20 years, Washington tribe hopes to hunt whales again

By GENE JOHNSON  
Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Patrick DePoe was in high school the last time his Native American tribe in Washington state was allowed to hunt whales. He was on a canoe that greeted the crew towing in the body of a gray whale. His shop class worked to clean the bones and reassemble the skeleton, which hangs in a tribal museum.

Two decades later, he and the Makah Tribe — the only American Indians with a treaty right to hunt whales — are still waiting for government permission to hunt again as their people historically did. The tribe, in the remote northwest corner of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, hopes to use the whales for food and to make bone handicrafts, artwork and tools they can sell. The tribe's plans have been tied up in legal fights and layers of scientific review. The next step is a weeklong hearing before an administrative law judge that began Thursday in Seattle. Whatever the result, it's likely to be stuck in further court challenges, as animal rights activists have vowed to block the practice they call unnecessary and barbaric.

"It shouldn't have taken 20 years to be where we're at now," said DePoe, a tribal council member. "People ask how it makes me feel. I want to ask, 'How does it make you feel that this is the process we're having to go through to exercise a right that's already been agreed upon?' It's a treaty right. It's settled law."

In 1855, the Makah, a tribe that now numbers about 1,500, turned over 470 square miles (1,217 square kilometers) of land to the U.S. under a treaty that promised them the "right of taking fish and of whaling or sealing at usual and accustomed grounds." They killed whales until the 1920s, giving it up because commercial whaling had devastated gray whale populations.



In this May 17, 1999, file photo, two Makah Indian whalers stand atop the carcass of a dead gray whale moments after helping tow it close to shore in the harbor at Neah Bay, Wash.

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By 1994, gray whales in the eastern Pacific Ocean had rebounded and they were removed from the endangered species list. Seeing an opportunity to reclaim its heritage, the tribe announced plans to hunt again.

The Makah trained for months in the ancient ways of whaling and received the blessing of federal officials and the International Whaling Commission. They took to the water in 1998 but didn't succeed until the next year, when they harpooned a gray whale from a hand-carved cedar canoe. A tribal member in a motorized support boat killed it with a high-powered rifle to minimize its suffering.

The hunts drew protests from animal rights activists,

who sometimes threw smoke bombs at the whalers and sprayed fire extinguishers into their faces. Others veered motorboats between the whales and the tribal canoes to interfere with the hunt. Authorities seized several vessels and made arrests.

After animal rights groups sued, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned federal approval of the tribe's whaling plans. The court found that the tribe needed to obtain a waiver under the 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The tribe applied in 2005. The process repeatedly stalled as new scientific information about the whales and the health of their population was uncovered.

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# Big study casts doubt on need for many heart procedures

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**  
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People with severe but stable heart disease from clogged arteries may have less chest pain if they get a procedure to improve blood flow rather than just giving medicines a chance to help, but it won't cut their risk of having a heart attack or dying over the following few years, a big federally funded study found.

The results challenge medical dogma and call into question some of the most common practices in heart care. They are the strongest evidence yet that tens of thousands of costly stent procedures and bypass operations each year are unnecessary or premature for people with stable disease.

That's a different situation than a heart attack, when a procedure is needed right away to restore blood flow.

For non-emergency cases, the study shows "there's no need to rush" into invasive tests and procedures, said New York University's Dr. Judith Hochman.

There might even be harm: To doctors' surprise, study participants who had a procedure were more likely to suffer a heart problem or die over the next year than those treated with medicines alone.

Hochman co-led the study and gave results Saturday at an American Heart Association conference in Philadelphia.

"This study clearly goes against what has been the common wisdom for the last 30, 40 years" and may lead to less testing and invasive treatment for such patients in the future, said Dr. Glenn Levine, a Baylor College of Medicine car-



In this Feb. 16, 2017 file photo, surgeons perform a non-emergency angioplasty at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. In this Feb. 16, 2017 file photo, surgeons perform a non-emergency angioplasty at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

diologist with no role in the research. Some doctors still may quibble with the study, but it was very well done "and I think the results are extremely believable," he said.

About 17 million Americans have clogged arteries that crimp the heart's blood supply, which can cause periodic chest pain. Cheap and generic aspirin, cholesterol-lowering drugs and blood pressure medicines are known to cut the risk of a heart attack for these folks, but many doctors also recommend a procedure to improve blood flow.

That's either a bypass — open-heart surgery to detour around blockages — or angioplasty, in which doctors push a tube through an artery to the clog, inflate a tiny balloon and place a stent, or mesh scaffold, to prop the artery open.

Twelve years ago, a big study found that angioplasty was no better than medicines for preventing heart attacks and deaths in non-emergency heart patients, but many doctors balked at the results and quarreled with the methods.

So the federal government spent \$100 million for the new study, which is twice as large, spanned 37 countries and included people with more severe disease — a group most likely to benefit from stents or a bypass.

All 5,179 participants had stress tests, usually done on a treadmill, that suggested blood flow was crimped. All were given lifestyle advice and medicines that improve heart health. Half also were given CT scans to rule out dangerous blockages, then continued on their medicines.

The others were treated as many people with abnormal stress tests are now: They were taken to cardiac catheterization labs for angiograms. The procedure involves placing a tube into a major artery and using special dyes to image the heart's blood vessels. Blockages were treated right away, with angioplasty in three-fourths of cases and

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a bypass in the rest. Doctors then tracked how many in each group suffered a heart attack, heart-related death, cardiac arrest or hospitalization for worsening chest pain or heart failure.

After one year, 7% in the invasively treated group had one of those events versus 5% of those on medicines alone. At four years, the trend reversed — 13% of the procedures group and 15% of the medicines group had suffered a problem. Averaged across the entire study period, the rates were similar regardless of treatment.

If stents and bypasses did not carry risks of their own, "I think the results would have shown an overall benefit" from them, said another study leader, Dr. David Maron of Stanford University. "But that's not what we found. We found an early harm and later benefit, and they canceled each other out."

Why might medicines have proved just as effective at reducing risks?

Bypasses and stents fix only a small area. Medicines affect all the arteries, including other spots that might be starting to clog, experts said.

Drugs also have improved a lot in recent years. Having a procedure did prove better at reducing chest pain, though. Of those who had pain daily or weekly when they entered the study, half in the stent-or-bypass group were free of it within a year versus 20% of those on medicines alone. A placebo effect may have swayed these results — people who know they had a procedure tend to credit it with any improvement they perceive in symptoms.

Dr. Alice Jacobs, a Boston University cardiologist who led a treatment-guidelines panel a few years ago, said any placebo effect fades with time, and people with a lot of chest pain that's unrelieved by medicines still may want a procedure.

"It's intuitive that if you take the blockage away you're going to do better, you're going to feel better," but the decision is up to the patient and doctor, she said.

The bottom line: There's no harm in trying medicines first, especially for people with no or little chest pain, doctors said.

When told they have a problem that can be fixed with a stent, "the grand majority of patients in my experience will opt to undergo that procedure" to get improvement right away, said Dr. Jay Giri, a cardiologist at the University of Pennsylvania with no role in the study.

Maryann Byrnes-Alvarado is not among them. The 66-year-old New York City woman said she joined the study six years ago after having trouble walking, which "scared me to death," but so did the idea of a heart procedure.

She was relieved when she was assigned to the medication treatment group. Her doctor altered her blood pressure medicine, added a cholesterol drug and aspirin, and adjusted her diet. Now her risk factor numbers are better and she can walk again without difficulty. "I believe I got the best care that I could get" and avoided an operation, she said. □

## Noseda, in his prime, lifting National Symphony Orchestra

By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — After a piano rehearsal, two orchestra sessions and one concert performance together, soprano Christine Goerke gushed with praise for Gianandrea Noseda.

"He doesn't just use his hands and his arms. He conducts with his entire body," she said. "And it is amazing, because when you see that kind of energetic physicality, there is no mistaking what he is asking for."

Entering his prime, the 55-year-old Italian is in his third season as music director of Washington's National Symphony Orchestra, which he leads this week at the Kennedy Center and at New York's Lincoln Center on Sunday in the second act of Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" with tenor Stephen Gould, Goerke and bass Günther Groissbock as King Marke.

Noseda is reviving the NSO, where he followed Antal Doráti (1970-77), Mstislav Rostropovich (1977-94), Leonard Slatkin (1996-2008) and Christoph Eschenbach (2010-17) as music director. "There are a lot of good vibes there," Noseda said. "Fortunately, the community is coming back to the Kennedy Center."

Noseda already has led large choral works in Wash-



This undated image released by the National Symphony Orchestra shows the orchestra performing Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" in Washington.

ington that have included Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem," Giuseppe Verdi's "Requiem" and John Adams' "The Gospel According to the Other Mary," performances that leave his all-black conducting clothes drenched in so much sweat that he could be mistaken for having jumped in a pool.

"What's great about him is his attention and the enthusiasm for whatever music he's working on, particularly with the Wagner," Gould said. "I think he approaches the music from, as I think Wagner even intended, especially with his earlier works, more from the Italian side, the more lyric side."

In a time where arts institutions battle to sell tickets, Noseda has expanded the NSO's outreach by conducting the orchestra at Union Station, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and The Anthem, a waterside theater that usually hosts rock and pop concerts.

The NSO is launching its own recording label, starting February 21 with Dvorák's Symphony No. 9 and Aaron Copland's suite from "Billy the Kid." The orchestra will tour Japan and China next spring, and he will lead a complete cycle of Beethoven symphonies in May and June to cele-

brate the composer's 250th birthday.

"People are aware that there's something exciting happening at the NSO right now," said Gary Ginstling, who became the orchestra's executive director in 2017-18 after serving as CEO of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. "Our ticket sales are up. Our subscriptions are up, which counters the general downward trends."

Noseda conducts the NSO for 12 weeks per season. He has appointed 16 players in the 96-member orchestra.

"That is crucially important because it gives a new motivation," Noseda said. "And also the tours and their role

in the community. I try to be a pivotal player in that, not only recognized as their conductor."

He also is principal guest conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, a role that started in 2016-2017, and has smaller time commitments as principal guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, principal conductor of the Orquestra de Cadaques in Spain and artistic director of the Stresa Festival in Italy. After leading the Teatro Regio in Turin, Italy, from 2007-18, he becomes general music director of the Zurich Opera in the 2021-22 season, where he will conduct two new productions and three or four revivals each season. That should result in synergy that will lead to singers performing concert versions at the Kennedy Center of staged performances in Switzerland.

He will conduct Wagner's Ring Cycle in Zurich starting with "Das Rheingold" in the spring of 2022 in a staging by Andreas Homoki, the opera house's director general. Noseda intends to bring the Claus Guth production of "Tristan" he led in Turin back to Zurich, where it originally was staged in 2008. The Zurich Opera is about a 3½-hour drive from Noseda's home in Meina, Italy, alongside Lake Maggiore. □

## 'Queen & Slim' soundtrack a perfect mix of new and old songs

By MELANIE J. SIMS

Associated Press

Various artists, "Queen & Slim: The Soundtrack" (Motown)

The trailer for upcoming film "Queen & Slim" packs a ton — intensity and beauty, flashes of lightheartedness and the strain of heaviness, too.

In similar fashion, "Queen & Slim: The Soundtrack" comes bearing plenty of the same, with 16 songs expertly capturing the journey of the film's lead characters as they go on the run following a traffic stop that ends in the shooting of a police officer.

"Queen & Slim" director Melina Matsoukas — who has won Grammys for directing music videos for Beyoncé and Rihanna —

and Emmy-winning writer Lena Waithe executive produced the soundtrack, along with Motown Records President Ethiopia Habtemariam.

Together they're like the perfect aux cord DJs. They hit play, and they don't miss, with a perfect mix of pleasantly surprising old favorites — from Bilal to Mike Jones to Roy Ayers — and fresh new material, too.

There's the high energy fun: Megan Thee Stallion's "Ride or Die," a New Orleans bounce-music track featuring VickeeLo, along with The-Dream's rocking "Cedes Benz" and the dance-worthy "My Money, My Baby" from Nigerian artist Burna Boy.

Add to that mix a feel-good crop

of mellow music: Syd's extra sexy "Getting Late," Moses Sumney's haunting "Doomed" and the sweet "Yo Love" from Vince Staples, 6lack and Mereba.

The latter is an anthem perfectly suited for a Bonnie and Clyde love story.

Perhaps the crown jewel is a rare appearance from Ms. Lauryn Hill, whose new song "Guarding the Gates" is enough to bring a tear to her dearest fans' eyes.

"Everybody, everybody wants to know/Where you going to/Cuz they wanna come, or so they think... until they find the cost of it," Hill testifies in her husky alto.

"Til they find out, find out what you lost for it/And I'd do it all 'cuz I found love." □



This cover image released by Motown Records shows the soundtrack for "Queen & Slim."

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# 'The Good Liar' pairs Mirren and McKellen

By **JAKE COYLE**  
Associated Press

For a blind date, we could hardly do better than Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen. They are brought swiftly together by a computer dating service in the opening minutes of "The Good Liar." Both click "widowed." When they cautiously sit down in a quiet London restaurant, and Mirren begins sipping a martini, it's hard not to think they're a

match made in heaven. And yet "The Good Liar," a modest middlebrow thriller, never lives up to the sheer pleasure of seeing its two leads together, for the first time as co-stars. Directed by Bill Condon ("Kinsey," "Beauty and the Beast," "Dreamgirls") and adapted from Nicholas Searle's 2016 novel, "The Good Liar" has the polish that you would expect from all involved, but little of the spar-



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Ian McKellen, left, and Helen Mirren in a scene from "The Good Liar."

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kle. Immediately, there's a play between truth and deceit. When Roy Courtney (McKellen) is filling out his dating profile, he selects "non-smoker" while a cigarette smolders nearby. Right after their meeting, Roy — once out of eyeshot from Mirren's Betty McLeish — quickly sheds his kindly old gentleman persona and skips into a nightclub to hash out a scheme with his co-conspirators over champagne. What unfolds goes considerably further than the small

exaggerations and distortions commonly found on Tinder pages. "The Good Liar" delves into deeper falsehoods of identity and history, teasing out a twisty narrative that winds its way back to World War II. It aspires to the psychological intrigue of Patricia Highsmith or John Le Carre without ever summoning such a thick air of mystery and danger. Roy is a conman. He's got a few hustles going on, but his focus is drawn increasingly to getting close

to Betty and robbing her of her small fortune, one amassed from a career as a history professor at Oxford. She lives outside London, and Roy's quick insertion into her life (he feigns a bad limp to score a bed in her guest room) raises the suspicions of Betty's grandson, Steven (Russell Tovey). For one, we can see a major turn coming all along in the script by Jeffrey Hatcher (who previously teamed with Condon and McKellen for "Mr. Holmes"). Mirren is far too cunning an actress to simply play a suckered old lady in the suburbs. We know it's just a matter of time until her intelligence and ferocity reveal itself. In the meantime, there are a few things to chew on, mainly the stirring score by the great Carter Burwell ("Carol," "No Country for Old Men") and the undeniable talents of Mirren and McKellen, who stitch the film together through subtle, skillful glances and gestures. They're artists at play, clearly enjoying each other's company. □

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## Black Eyed Peas star accuses Qantas attendant of racism



In this Sept. 23, 2017 file photo, will.i.am attends the 27th annual EMA Awards at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, Calif.

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**SYDNEY (AP)**—Black Eyed Peas musician will.i.am has accused a flight attendant from Australia's national carrier Qantas of being racist and rude to him on a flight. The musician said he was met by police at Sydney Airport on Saturday after an incident with an "overly aggressive flight attendant" who he says

was upset with him because he couldn't hear her through his noise-cancelling headphones. He tweeted a photo of a police officer and said: "This is how your greeted when you land from Brisbane to Sydney flying @qantas with a #Racist-Flightattendant." He then named the flight attendant. Qantas said in a statement it rejected the



allegation that the incident had anything to do with race and said it was a "misunderstanding." "There was a misunderstanding on board, which seems to have been exacerbated by will.i.am wearing noise cancelling headphones and not being able to hear instructions from crew," the airline said in a statement. "We'll be following up with will.i.am and wish him well for the rest of the tour." He and the Black Eyed Peas are in Australia to perform as part of a world tour. In other tweets, will.i.am said he wasn't the only person on the flight to be "disrespected." He did, however, get criticized by some who felt it was inappropriate for him to publicly name the flight attendant on his Twitter account, which has 12.8 million followers. □

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**Ayesha Curry Thanksgiving recipe debuts on Google Assistant**

By **NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ayesha Curry is used to a holiday on the road with lots of people, but with three-time NBA champion Steph Curry sidelined due to injury, the family is planning to have a much more intimate celebration at home — and she's looking forward to it. "This is the first Thanksgiving we're having where it's going to be super small. I think there's going to be eight of us, and that's the smallest we've ever had by far," the cookbook author said this week.

Part of it she attributed to life changes and extended family being strewn about, but it's also due to Curry's hand injury, which will keep him out of the lineup for the Golden State Warriors for at least three months.

"We weren't supposed to be home for Thanksgiving. The team was traveling, but since Stephan will be home now because of



In this Oct. 8, 2015 file photo, Ayesha Curry arrives at the Autism Speaks to LA Celebrity Chef Gala in Santa Monica, Calif.

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his hand surgery, it's going to be small and intimate," she said. "We're kind of excited about it, it's nice — set some traditions."

One of the items she plans to have on the menu is her cast iron bread pudding recipe with brown butter

apples, which made its debut this week on Google Assistant. Curry's recipes will be featured on Google's tech devices.

"It's delicious and easy to make, so I think people will enjoy that as a kickoff to being able to cook step by

step with the assistant," she said.

Curry, who also has a line of culinary items, says she's learned to appreciate the benefits of using tech devices in the kitchen as opposed to pulling out the recipe book.

"It will take you through this step-by-step process. And so basically having everything on one platform makes it really easy rather than having to use multiple things to figure out how to get the job done," she said.

And I know for me as a mom, being able to have something on one piece of technology is very, very helpful."

The Currys have three children: daughters Riley, 7, and Ryan, 4, and son Canon, 1. Curry says the two oldest help in the kitchen, and Riley has become a fan of baking.

"I don't know where she got that from because I'm really not the biggest baker,

but I love that she's taking an interest in it," Curry said.

"She just entered her school baking contest. She was so cute! She didn't win. And I think that because a lot of the kids had parental help. I actually had her do it herself, like the rules said," she said, laughing.

Curry is currently working on her second cookbook, among her other projects. She's been testing out new recipes using her family as guinea pigs. Her latest experiment, a flash-fried lobster and shrimp with a sweet tamarind glaze, was a hit. But she admits that she doesn't always get it right.

"But that's why I love cooking so much as because it is so experimental and you can finesse it sometimes ... whereas baking is so meticulous and scientific, cooking is like the opposite of that. So that's why I love it so much — always some sort of experiment going on." □

# Food bloggers bring Africa's rich cuisines to the world

By **AMELIA NIERENBERG**

**Associated Press**

**NGAPAROU, Senegal (AP)**

— In the quiet hours before lunch, two women worked side by side in an airy kitchen. One, a chef, cleaned fresh red snapper filets with a sharp knife. The other, a filmmaker, pointed her camera into a large pot of simmering vegetables.

"What would you say this is, low heat or medium?" Tuleka Prah asked, setting the camera aside.

Her pen poised over a lime green notebook, the 37-year-old Prah waited for the next step in the recipe for thiebou dieune, a traditional Senegalese dish of spiced rice, tender vegetables and fish. She came to this West African nation to document its four most popular dishes as part of My African Food Map, a blog and film archive.

"Low heat," said 38-year-old Touty Sarr, who runs the kitchen of a popular cafe in Dakar. She turned to her daughter, who was watching her cook. "This one, if you put it on high, it would all get dry. That's one of the secrets."

Senegal was Prah's fifth destination since her project began in 2012. She hopes to show the care and skill that goes into African dishes, such as South Africa's fried dough amagwinya and Kenya's kachumbari, an onion and tomato salad.

"The idea, at its most basic, is to present the food how people who love it would prepare it," Prah said. "It's like a database or a digi-



In this Nov. 14, 2019, photo, a platter of thiebou dieune, a traditional Senegalese dish of spiced rice, is served by Chef Touty Sarr, in Ngaparou, Senegal.

**Associated Press**

tal vault where people can open the drawer, see recipes, see some ingredients." Born in England to a Ghanaian father and a South African mother, she lived in six African countries during her childhood including Namibia, Kenya and what is now South Sudan.

After finding no reliable recipes online for Ghanaian dishes — and no photos that made the beloved food look appetizing — she started My African Food Map.

She celebrates the cuisines of a continent often marred by negative stereotypes.

"Africa is often associated with poverty, with hunger, with failures of food in a political and nutritional sense," said James C. McCann, chair of the history department at Boston Uni-

versity and a specialist in African environmental history and cuisine. "It's an area of the world that has not been covered by the food craze."

Other culinary historians, chefs, and foodies are fighting such stereotypes. Some, like author and professor Jessica Harris, have studied African and diaspora cuisine, exploring the roots of foods taken far from home by slavery. Others, like Fran Osseo-Asare and her Ghanaian-focused project Betumi, investigate the foods of a single country.

"The internet was the democratization of African food writing," said Osseo-Asare, who said she has blogged about African food since the 1980s. "When the internet came,

you didn't have publishers as gatekeepers that could stop you from getting your work out."

Unique among prominent bloggers, Prah takes an almost pan-African approach.

"I always feel like I am from the whole continent," she said.

"I can find myself in different aspects of different countries I visit."

Her videos often have tens of thousands of views, and she dreams of doing her project full-time like Anthony Bourdain did. She said she has had no luck finding sponsors but intends to keep trying.

"The best outcome is when people say, 'That is our food, that is our dish,'" she said, remembering her work in Kenya.

was extremely happy when the first comments I got on YouTube were, 'Oh, this reminds me of home.'"

To find authentic recipes and skilled chefs, Prah asks everyone she meets in a country — hosts, cab drivers, shop keepers and strangers — about their favorite foods. She met Sarr this way, through friends of friends.

"I learned from my grandma. I used to follow her everywhere," said Sarr, who wears her stiff white chef's uniform every time she cooks, even at home, because it makes her feel more professional.

"And our grandmas, they think that taking time with the food gives it more flavor. So I take time, too."

She said she became a chef after money ran out to pursue her dream of being a doctor.

"There are a lot of similarities between cooking and medicine," she said, skinning onions.

"The feeling of being full after you have eaten is the same sensation as getting better after being sick. It's something that gives me a lot of pride."

She dropped garlic into sizzling oil, then stepped back as Prah moved close to the pot to film. The two women orbited each other, artists collaborating over the pot bubbling on the stove.

Sarr said she cooks by smell, by sound and by taste, but Prah wrote her steps down in order, recording a recipe for others without the guidance of grandmothers and mothers at their side.

After two hours of chopping and pounding, scraping and whipping, boiling and simmering, Sarr spread red-tinted rice across a platter almost two feet wide.

She flattened it and carefully arranged the vegetables and fish in a circle for a communal meal, with some family members eating with spoons and others with their hands.

Prah snapped a picture, and then another, before putting her camera aside to try the dish.

"It's really good," she said, her mouth full, smiling at Sarr. "Really, really good." □



In this Nov. 14, 2019, photo, filmmaker Tuleka Prah, right, films chef Touty Sarr, as she prepares a plate of thiebou dieune, a traditional Senegalese dish of spiced rice, inside a kitchen in Ngaparou, Senegal.



In this Nov. 14, 2019, photo, filmmaker Tuleka Prah, the founder of My African Food Map, poses for a photograph in Ngaparou, Senegal.

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